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Now, about that lawsuit between William Wilbanks & others vs James Duncan. Clayton Library has "Decrees of the Court of Equity" for Union County. An entry during the February Term 1814 explains what it was all about. I am just going to send you a copy of it because it is very long. You will need a magnifying glass to read it because it is such small print. What is really of interest is the statement that Samuel Simpson departed this life intestate on the 18th day of Octr 1797 LEAVING A WIDOW & FIVE SMALL CHILDREN. Also, they are still referring to Nancy as "the widow". Doesn't this sound as if Nancy was the mother of Samuel, Delilah, Susannah, John and Sophia? But Sarah, who purportely married Nathaniel Rochelle, is not here! Why not if she is supposed to be a child of Samuel Simpson as well as Sarah Simpson Bobo's granddaughter and therefore, the daughter of Nancy also?

There is even more. While looking back over my newletters from Pinckney District Chapter, SCGS, I found a reference to Writ of Partition Book 2, page 40 that just may cinch it once and for all that Willis Bobo married Delilah Simpson. Also, it appears that Sophia Simpson married more than once. There are two references for Sophia in this same Writ of Partition Book, one for her and Joseph Powers and another with James Richardson. We really need a copy of this partition.

By the way, Mrs. Rochelle is descended from Willis Bobo (supposedly illegitimate), but she does not believe that he is illegitimate. You know that my Levingston Bobo had a son named Willis who could be her Willis. I have been unsuccessful in tracing this Willis, but he would be of the right age group. If Mrs. Rochelle's Willis is not the son of Tillmon B. and Catherine (King) Bobo, it is feasible that Levingston Bobo's Willis would travel with Tillmon B. and his father Spencer 3 Bobo (husband of Nancy Berry) to Georgia if he were a nephew of Spencer 3.

Regarding Mrs. Mary Bobo's Boarding House, my information came from John Parkes of Hazel Green, AL. He is a descendant of Burrell Bobo, son of Sampson. By the by, John Terrell MAJORS, coach at Pitt is also a descendant of Burrell Bobo through Washington Pinckney Bobo, son of Elijah, son of Burrell. Elijah's wife was Sarah Pearson. Back to Miss Mary Bobo, she was really Mary Agnes Evans and was the wife of Lacy Jackson Bobo. She did have the "Boarding House" and lived to be 101 years old. Lynn Tolliver runs it now, and she has written several cookbooks. I believe that Lynn is also a cousin in this branch of Bobos. I have had filed in my feeble mind that one of the Bobo's had the original recipe for the Jack Daniels mash. Someone told me this way back when I first started this craziness and I didn't write it down, or did and misplaced it. It does make sense that what was really meant was that someone from Sarah Pearson's family had the recipe, and she was the wife of Elijah Bobo. (Doesn't that all wrap up nicely? Too bad some of our puzzlements couldn't be that way.)

This is the way the line goes down to the husband of Miss Mary Bobo:

Sampson Bobo m Sarah Simpson
Burrell Bobo m Elizabeth Robuck
Elijah Bobo m Sarah Pearson
Samuel Bobo m Cyrenneus R. Simpson, d/o Rice Simpson and Racheal Williams
Thomas Washington Bobo m Callie Pennington
Lacy Jackson Bobo m Mary Agnes Evans

It is necessary to make a reservation at least one month in advance to eat at the boarding house. My son tried to get us in when we were last in Nashville by saying that we were Bobo descendants and that didn't even work. Next time we plan to have reservations made well ahead of time. They did tell him that we could come down and they would take us on a tour but we wanted to EAT! Also, I believe that Moore County is no longer dry. Until just recently, you couldn't even sample the wares at the distillery.

Now to fill you in on Philadelphia "Delphia" Bobo. Yes, she was Levingston Bobo's daughter. She married Gideon Woodruff, son of Samuel Woodruff and Nancy Pilgrim probably in 1825. Their first child was born 6 Sep 1826. One amusing thing about Philadelphia is that on the census records, the taker alway spelled it out. Either she was particular that they should have it that way, or else the census man did a double take and said WWWWHAT? when he asked her name. Philadelphia and Gideon remained in South Carolina until ca 1840. Their 7th child was born in Mississippi and at the start of the Civil War, they were living in Choctaw County, MS. Although Gideon was 58 years old, he enlisted 4 Mar 1862. He became ill with the measles, returned home, and died there 20 Jun 1862. I don't know what became of Philadelphia after Gideon's death. Haven't had time to chase her, but she probably died in Mississippi. They had nine children":

Aaron W., b 6 Sep 1826, SC
Nancy, b 22 Apr 1829, m. Leonadus Hunter
Elizabeth, b 1 Jun 1831
Sarah Greer, b 3 Aug 1833
Samuel, b SC
Julia Ann, b 4 Feb 1838
Seaburn Foster, b 4 Jul 1841, MS
Amos Parker, b 3 Apr 1843 MS, m Frances Hastings (?)
Alyrun Berry, b 24 Nov 1845, MS

The only descendants of any of Levingston Bobo's children that I have found, other than my Foster, are two sisters who are descendants of Philadelphia. Sure wish I could find some from the other children.

Friday Night, October 28th

Oh, what a week this has been! I started this on Sunday hoping to finish it and send it off to you on Monday. No such luck, there is just too much to say. Anyway, on Monday, I went over to help my friend and distant Tinsley cousin Marie Reed clean out her home which was covered with about 14 feet of water for three days. I've never seen (or smelled) anything like it in my life. It was just heartrending. We spent four days digging through wet insulation and sheet rock to retrieve as much as we could. Although she lost all of her carpet, furniture and appliances, I believe we will salvage most clothes, dishes, pots and pans. It is remarkable that the only broken dishes were one glass and two bowls. By the time I left there yesterday, the wrecking crew had all the walls torn out and what remained of the ceilings. Now it has to dry out, and then the whole inside will be reinsulated, sheetrocked, etc. Also, the water moved her garage, but not off the foundation, and pulled a gazebo holding a jacuzzi straight up out of the ground. There were eighty homes in her subdivision that flooded, but hers' was one of three or four that were the worst. Luckily, she did save most of her genealogy, but just at the last minute because the water started rising at about 6:30 A.M. and by 9 A.M., it was up to five feet, and she was out of there.

In your letter of 8/15/94 (boy, I really am behind and my face is red) you discussed the two Absolom Bobos who were on the 1790 Laurens County census. One of them was old Absolom who was brother to Lewis, Sampson and Spencer. The other one is Absolom who married Ann Musgrove and Mary Bobo. In his application for a Revolutionary pension, Absolom the younger stated that he lived in Laurens County for about six years and then moved to Spartanburg. He also said that he was born in Albermarle Co., VA ca 1765. We know that he was married to Ann by 16 Feb 1790, because that is when he is recorded selling land that his father Spencer bought from John McCullock in 1786, in Spartanburg County, between the Tyger and Enoree Rivers. Absolom also had land in Spartanburg County at that time that bounded on the land he was selling. He and Ann probably moved to Spartanburg County ca 1790. I would say that old Absolom was the one who was living near William Powell, his son-in-law. Notice also that there were Simms' living close to this Absolom who may have been relatives of his wife Amey.

I don't know which Bobo had the mill in Newberry County, but I don't think it was an early Bobo. On page 168 of O'Neall's Annals of Newberry it says, "Shortly before the close of the Revolution, at the Shop Spring, about half a mile south of Bobo's Mill on Bush River...A Whig scout...passed the mills, called then, after their proprietor, O'Neal's. (now Bobo's.) So, it would seem that during Revolutionary times the mills were owned by the O'Neal family and were owned by a Bobo during the time that Judge O'Neal wrote the book.

Okay, another monkey wrench in the wheels. I have completely missed the deed in Spartanburg County with Spencer Bobo and wife Rachel. You are right, he could be a son of Spencer and Nancy Bobo. On the other hand, the last deed in which Nancy Berry Bobo is mentioned is in 1803 in Sara Nash's book on Laurens County, so it is possible that Spencer Jr. remarried. Unless we find a descendant of the Spencer Bobo of the deed in Gwinnett County, we may never know who he is. There is still lots of work to be done on Spencer Jr.'s family, although Mary Rawlinson has done an awesome job already.

Yes, I am familiar with the book by Barbara Langdon, it is at Clayton Library. The file with Sampson Bobo, Jr.'s children in it is another one we need. I will write to your friend in Spartanburg County and see if she will make copies of these things we need. I'm not so sure if Nancy Bobo Edwards married Kensler. When Nancy's sister Elizabeth Bobo McClintock wrote her will in 1851, she left most of her estate to her sister Nancy Edwards and a tract of land to her brother-in-law Z. Edwards of Cass County, GA. The Edwards children she names are B.W. Edwards, A.F. Edwards, O.E. Edwards, Aujehina C. Edward, Elizabeth I. Edward. She also mentions that sister Nancy had twelve living children. She named her nephew O.E. Edwards as her executor.

Monday, October 31, 1994

Well, the weekend slipped by. Saturday was spent washing flood crud off Marie's pots and pans. Still have 3 trash bags and 2 laundry baskets to go. On Sunday, Rodney and I went to the horse races. I wagered thirty-eight dollars and won thirty-five, so I figure that was a pretty cheap afternoon of entertainment.

You asked if I know anything about Boardwine Roberts. I am sorry, but that is one I haven't come across before. I did have something on the Waters family but for the life of me, I can't find it.

I wish that I could give you a pat on the back for the excellent letter that you wrote to Scott Johnson. I was very upset with his article. You know that he probably got most of his information from Bob Bobo of the Bobo Newsletter, and Bob is just as confused about the Bobo descendants as the rest of us are. When Scott's article is published, all it is going to do is perpetuate the same misinformation that has gone around and around for years. While we are on this subject, a page is missing from the copy of the article that was sent to me. In my copy, it is page eight. Page seven is all taken up with part of Footnote #32. The first line on page nine reads, "(3) remained in North Carolina until they received land grants from King George II, in..." Would you please send me a copy of page eight so I can see what he had to say on that page?

Now I'm up to your last big letter which arrived while I was spending a week in Eugene, Oregon attending a seminar. So, you majored in organic chemistry. Organic was one of my favorites. Actually it became so after I attempted to take it in summer school and nearly bombed out. I took it a second time in order to get the "D" off my transcript. I was studying one day and it was as if a light bulb went off in my brain. From then on, I could do those roadmap problems coming and going.

I appreciate your offer to loan your Blackstock book to me. I would like that very much. I am sending a copy of an article that was in one of the South Carolina newsletters several years ago, in case you haven't already seen it.

I liked your story about the "instant insanity" cornmeal. That would explain why so many records are found regarding insane persons. It seems that I remember finding something relating to Arthur Tinsley about that. I don't know how Arthur Tinsley fits into my family except that his father was named John. Arthur died ca 1826, and he was married to Catherine Cunningham. I wonder if she was related to "Bloody Bill" Cunningham. My ancestor James Tinsley was spared at Hays Station, and it was said by some that it was because of his kinsman John Tinsley who was a Tory. According to O'Neal, James Tinsley personally told him that it wasn't John Tinsley but some other person who asked that his life be spared. Just think, if not for that, I wouldn't have ever been. (That's a deep thought) But back to the spooky cornmeal, I read a book once about a whole town that went crazy from eating bread made with contaminated rye. I wonder if it was contaminated with the same thing that affects the cornmeal.

Your mentioning that William Wilbanks married Phoebe, widow of Hosea Holcomb, reminds me. Do you know Brent Holcombe? I wonder why he has never researched the Bobo family since they are so closely tied to his family. I met him when I was in Columbia at the Archives. He was really nice and offered to call Leonardo Andre's sister Connie to set up a meeting with her so we could get copies of some of Mr. Andre's manuscripts. He did call Miss Connie, and she and her brother-in-law (I think) came to our hotel and then took us on a tour of Columbia. They were both really sweet old people.

I am really confused about just what is available in the Archives and what can still be found in the counties. I thought they told us at the Archives that they had all the county records. That is were I found Levingston Bobo's estate file as well as deeds for Spartanburg, Laurens and Newberry. Tell me what is available there.

Let's talk about William Wilder. Yes, William Wilder was one of the buyers at the estate sale of Sampson Bobo, Sr. There was no buyer named William Wilder Bobo, although all of the other sons and the husband's of the daughters of Sampson Bobo, Sr. were buyers with the exception of Sampson, Jr. who was dead. Absolom Bobo was a buyer, but I am not sure if this was Sampson's son or Absolom who married Sampson's daughter Mary. The sale was in 1806, and wasn't this Absolom still married to Ann Musgrove at that time? Spencer Colbert/Calvert was also one of the buyers. A little more about Spencer Colbert/Calvert. He was one of the securities for Sarah Bobo, Jr. on 28 Jan 1809. By 10 Mar 1809, she had remarried to Henry Freeman, who then made bond to administer the estate of Sampson, Jr. Spencer Calvert's signature looks more like "Calvert" than "Colbert".

In 1790, Spartanburg Co. Deed Bk. D, p. 356-357, William Wilder was a witness along with Spencer Bobo, Jr. in a sale of land from George Roebuck and wife Lovina to Sampson Bobo. It appears that Sampson Bobo gave 150 acres of this land to "Sarah Bobo widow of Sampson Bobo and her 5 present children" in 1805. (Deed Bk. L, p. 230-231)This must have been almost at the time of his death. In 1795, Spartanburg Co. Deed Bk. D, p. 367-369, William Wilder sold an assortment of livestock to John Frederick Harmoning and Co. Liviston Bobo was one of the witnesses. In 1816, Spartanburg Co. Deed Bk. R, p. 149-150, William Wilder sold 29 acres on the Tyger River, bounded by J.D. Neburgh desc and James Agee/Ogee. Dower was renounced in 1818 by Susannah Wilder. The deed was recorded in 1820. In 1825, Spartanburg Co. Deed Bk. T, p. 156, Zadock Hooker (he's my 4th great uncle - brother of Susan Hooker who married James Tinsley) sold to William Wilder 155 acres on a ridge between the Enoree and Tyger Rivers on the main "Buncom" Road. One on the neighbors was Levingston Bobo.

That's all I have on William Wilder. He certainly did have interaction with the Bobo's. Did you notice that in one of the deeds Susannah Wilder relinguished dower? This deed was made in 1816, so if this is Sampson and Sarah Bobo's daughter, then she would have been alive when Sarah died, and therefore should have been named in Sarah's will. If, as you speculate, the daughter who married William Wilder did die before Sarah's will, and William Wilder remained single and widowed and was therefore named in Sarah's will, then perhaps he remarried after Sarah Bobo's death. On the other hand, in the 1818 record which names the heirs of Sampson Bobo, Sr., why is William Wilder named as one of them if the daughter he married was dead by that time? Another thought, perhaps William Wilder's wife Susannah is Susannah Simpson, daughter of Samuel Simpson.

No, I don't have the three sheets entitled "The Following is Believed to be the Direct Line of Descent to: Belle Bobo Haynie Shepherd...." Yes, I would like to have a copy of them. I am trying to help someone who wants to go into DAR on that Georgia line. Personally, I think that it is a hopeless case because that line is as screwed up as mine. In my next letter to you, I will tell you my theory about Samuel Bobo of Hart County, GA.

Mrs. Edna Westmoreland really is a jewel. I am so glad that we now know that there is

no gravestone for "Mrs. Alom Bobo." That little mistake has led many a person down the wrong road. Also, I am going to write Maureen Walquist and pass this information on to her along with the facts concerning the lack of divorce in South Carolina.

Before I close this down, I have a weak notion that Elizabeth Bobo, wife of Levingston, was a King. In Spartanburgh Co. Deed Bk. Q, p. 199-200, Jan. 4, 1819, Sarah King, widow of John King desc, "for obligation given by Jemima King to Levingston Bobo" of $50 to be paid yearly for support of Sarah King sold (ac omitted); where Jemima King lives; left to Sarah King for her support by will of John King; Sarah get to occupy house until Sept. 1, 1819. Witness Jonas Brewton and Mary McCarley. Signed Sarah King's mark. Rec. Jan 12, 1819. What do you make of this record? What is Levingston Bobo's role here? Then, Deed Bk. R, p. 67-68, Aug. 15, 1816, Joel Foster (Union Dist) to James King (Spartanburgh); 250 acres on waters of Tyger R; Leviston Bobo one of witness. Rec. Jun. 5, 1820. This is food for your thought. Next trip to Clayton Library, I'll try to find more on the Kings.

Oh no! I almost forgot about the Walker County Clerk of Court. His name is James Patton. He is such a nice man, he didn't even tell me to wash my hands before I handled the probate packets of James and Susan Tinsley, and I have been told that he does do that. I suppose I looked like a clean enough person to suit him. Anyway, his ancestors were James H. Patton and Rebecca McDonald. They were in Abbeville District before 1837, and then they came to Crockett, Houston County, Texas. If you know anything about this couple, I know that Mr. Patton would appreciate hearing from you. His address is:

James Patton
County Clerk
P.O. Box 210
Huntsville, Texas 77342-0210

One more thing and I'm out of here. Did your doctor test your stomach for heliobacter? This is a bacteria that is now believed to cause a large majority of stomach ulcers. A friend of mine and my father-in-law have recently been diagnosed as having ulcers and also having the bacteria. They were treated with a round of some antibiotic. Both their doctors told them that if the bacteria were brought under control, then they wouldn't have to take acid blockers. That was a relief since Zantac, Pepcid, etc. are all so expensive. Of course, you're probably right, no doubt the perils of the Bobo family are the direct cause of all your pain.

I hope you didn't completely write me off your list and that you will answer me. As you said, send me lots of good stuff.

Bye for now.

July 24, 1994

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Dear Bob,

I have received your fascinating letters and enjoyed both of them. You really must be kin to just about every upper South Carolina family. Rodney and I both have a large number of South Carolina roots from all over the state. His are in Marion County, and mine are in Beaufort District, Charleston, Orangeburg, Spartanburg, Laurens, Union and Newberry. Regarding releasing anything that you send me, if you ask me not to, then I won't. However, I feel that we are hurting no one by letting our thoughts and conclusions be known if we don't agree with what has been accepted as gospel for years. As you know yourself, merely studying available public records disproves many of those accepted gospels. Your wish is my command though. I have one fellow researcher with whom I have worked for many years. We have an agreement, I don't send copies of her work to anyone and she doesn't send copies of mine to anyone. If other researchers want either of our work, they must write to us.

Did you ever correspond with Corrine Howe on the Blackstocks. I believe she is now deceased. Is that correct, if you know. She was descended from Arkillis Foster. I know nothing of the Miss Bobo who married William Blackstock, Jr. It is my theory that Mary Bobo, daughter of Sampson and Salley Bobo, married Absalom Bobo, son of Spencer Bobo, who I believe to be the father of my Levingston. Would you consider sharing your article on the Blackstocks with me?

Before I go further, do you have any of my research? I will gladly send you copies of my papers on the Spencer Bobos and the Absalom Bobos if you do not already have copies. However, if you do, then there is no reason to duplicate efforts.

I am glad that you agree that Levingston Bobo is the son of Spencer and Judith Bobo. Unless he was illegitimate (definitely possible), then there is no one else left. The assumptions that you put forth in your letter regarding all of the Spencers

so I won't go over all the details. However, the Foster name may have come from Levingston's mother. It is possible, but only speculation, so don't pass it on, that Spencer Bobo, Levingston's father, was married to Judith Foster, a younger daughter of John and Isabell Foster, and coincidentally, sister to the Anthony Foster who is buried in Bobo-Ducker Cemetery. Anthony Foster had cousins already living in Spartanburg and Greenville Counties. It is also possible that his eldest son Joel, by his first marriage, was living in Newberry County. In addition, his wife, Sarah Golding, had many Golding and Tinsley relatives living in Newberry and Laurens. It seems too much of a random thing that he would locate in the lower Spartanburg District and, in addition, purchase land from Sampson Bobo which was adjacent to Spencer and Judith Bobo. Now that I think of it, the Golding Family Association includes Judith Foster as the daughter of John Foster and wife of Spencer Bobo, so I suppose it's not a secret anyway.

Actually, the name of the famous house is "Cross Keys" due to the plaques on the house having crossed keys on them. The house was built by Barrum Bobo on land that he acquired in 1810 from the estate of Samuel Simpson. I had not heard the story about there being a house there earlier, nor the tradition of the insignias and find it very interesting. I hope that someone buys the house who will maintain it and its history.

Is there an estate settlement or will for Samuel Simpson? If there is, and you have it, would you send me a copy or tell me book and page number so I can get it? If Samuel Simpson died around 1810, and had a wife named Nancy, then it is possible that she was remarried by 1813 when Salley Bobo wrote her will. There is a entry in the Spartanburg County Journal of the Ordinary, dated 31 October 1818, which names the legatees of Sampson Bobo, Sr. It says there were 14 legatees. Neither of Nancy's children are named. However, none of his daughters are named either, only the spouses of the female legatees. One of the men named is Matthew Patton. I don't know if he was Nancy's second husband, or the husband of Nancy's daughter Salley Rachelle. Are you sure that Rachelle is not her middle name and should have been spelled Rachel? Also of note is the fact that Nancy's son Samuel Simpson

is not named as one of the legatees. Would Salley Rachelle and Samuel Simpson have been of age in 1818, or would they have had a representative because they were minors, that representative being Matthew Patton?

Now on to the Absaloms. Are you slapping my hands for saying that it was reported that Absalom, son of Spencer and Judith, and his first wife Ann were divorced? That is, if you have a copy of my paper. Since you have explained the situation, I will remove that statement from my paper (can we still be friends?). Do you have any idea when Ann Musgrove died? She must have died and Absalom

remarried. Perhaps the grave for Mrs. Alom Bobo is not Ann's. Doesn't it state in Absalom's will that what he devises to wife Mary is to go to her two children at her death. Doesn't this leave the rest of the children named in the will clearly those that he had with Ann Musgrove? Of course, I understand what you mean by "the uninformed" and how the divorce rumour could cause suspicion about the father of Ann's last child. Not everyone looks at wills and such.

I really don't believe that the grave for Mrs. Alom Bobo, 3/1/1765 - 12/1/1860, is the wife of Sampson's son Absalom. It is fairly definite that this Absalom married in 1806 to Agnes Hawkins in Christian County, KY. In 1805, he sold all his interests in his father Sampson's estate to Hiram Bobo, executor of Sampson. The deed was recorded in Christian Co., KY. This Absalom ended up in Claiborne County, Mississippi. I have corresponded with two of his descendants who corroborate this. The whole confusion with the Absaloms lies in the fact that Sampson Bobo had a son named Absalom as well as a daughter who married another Absalom Bobo.

Now, to reply to your theories on Absalom Bobo, the original brother. I have corresponded with two of his descendants. Neither of them seem to think that he had any other children. In fact, I asked one of them if she knew of any other children for him, and she replied that he had only the one child. Why did he make a will? Perhaps research will show that he did have other property, perhaps acquired after the 1808 deed to William and Nancy Powell. His wife Amey was still living when he wrote his will. He said that Amey could dispose of what he left her as she saw fit, so he must have had something to leave. I don't understand what you mean about land not applying in a will. I have copies of South Carolina wills in which land was left to the heirs. Would you further explain this to me? Another thing, if someone died with a will, was it still necessary to have an estate sale or was that just if they were intestate? Perhaps the will was made so that Amey wouldn't have everything sold at an estate sale. I always thinks estate sales are sad when there was a widow and she had to buy her own household belongings.

A bit on the Chandler name now. There is William Willis Bobo, b. 22 Oct 1811 in Spartanburg Co., SC, d. 13 Oct 1863 in Calhoun Co., AL, m. 7 Oct 1838 in Jackson Co., GA to Elizabeth Abetha Emeline Chandler. Her parents were Green Chandler and Polly Howington. This William Willis Bobo is the one you referred to as a possible illegitimate child of either Ann or Isabel Bobo. It seems to be common knowledge that Willis was illegit. You are about the third source to mention it. Do you have any proof, like court records, or is your proof secondary like mine, just passed down through the years? I have two correspondents who would love to know who his parents are. They have already heard the story about his being illegit.

While we are on the subject of illegitimacy, do you know of a court case in Spartanburg Co., SC regarding an illegitimate child of Jeremiah Bobo, son of Sampson, in which Chaney Bobo is paying for the child's support? Tell me about it if you know.

You asked if I had more information on the children of Sampson and Salley Bobo. I have just completed the first draft of a paper, narrative, article (I never know what to call the things I write) about Sampson Bobo Sr., his son Sampson Jr. and their wives who were both named Sarah/Salley. I am sending that to you. Just as you asked me not to release your letter, I am asking you not to release this. It is only a first draft, and I have more research to do. I would appreciate your thoughts and comments on what I have written.

Also, as part of my documentation, I have used a family history of the Zacariah Edwards family by George H. Edwards. It was sent to me several years ago by a Bobo cousin who is now deceased. I never noticed until now that pages 2 thru 6 are missing. Do you happen to have a copy of this history? I would really like to have those missing pages.

Now for the Gilberts and Roberts. Rev. Jacob Roberts is my 5th great grandfather if I have this thing correct. His daughter Sarah married John Gilbert. The Gilbert family came to Laurens County from Rutherford Co., NC. Old William Gilbert, the patriarch of the family, was some kind of big shot in Old Tyron and Rutherford Counties. Of course, he lived in the same place, they just changed the name because folks up there didn't care too much for Lord Tyron in those pre-Revolutionary days. Seems old William was accused of not only being a loyalist but also of mishandling tax money he was collecting. All of this was refuted, and he was absolved of his accusations. However, the rumour persisted even down to the time when Draper was collecting his Revolutionary history. I believe Draper eventually apologized for publishing that William was a loyalist and thief, and that his wife Sarah helped to kill a British soldier that was in her home.

When the government had their big land give-away in the Carolinas after the Revolution, old William received many grants, some of them being in what is now South Carolina, but was then a part of North Carolina. After he died in 1790, at least one of his sons, William Jr., moved to Laurens. At least every other page of Sarah Nash's book has something about the Gilberts. William Gilbert Jr.'s son John is my 4th great grandfather. John Gilbert was a Baptist preacher. It must have run in the family because I believe two of his brothers were also preachers. Remember, Jacob Roberts was a preacher also.

In a book titled Darlingtoniana by Ervin and Rudisill, I found that one of the preachers at the Black Creek Baptist Church during the years 1813 to 1823 was John Gilbert. If this is my John Gilbert, it would account, and very neatly I might add, for the years after 1816 when John Gilbert sold out in Laurens County and left and 1820 when his daughter Onea L. Gilbert was born in Tennessee. Do you know of any way that I could find out more information about Black Creek Baptist Church and the preacher named John Gilbert.

Well, enough of this. You are probably bored to tears by now. Let me know if you do not have my papers on the Spencers and the Absaloms. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

June 13, 1995

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Dear Bob,

Have something new in the "Bobo Wars." It's not earthshaking, in fact just something else to muddy the waters. I ordered two deeds from the Archives. One is from John McCullock to Spencer Bobo, Junr. and the other is from John McCullock to Samson Bobo. Following are abstracts of both.

Spartanburg Co. Deed Bk. B, p. 78: John McCullock to Sampson Bobo; Deed of Gift No. 128; 25 April 1786:

John McCullock, City of Charleston and Samson Bobo of the State aforesaid and County of Spartanburgh. John McCullock for and in consideration **of the real love which he hath and Beareth toward the said Samson Bobo.** Granted, assigned and confirmed and by these presents dth give grant aline _____ (?) and convey unto the said Samson Bobo all the Messuage or Tenemant of Land situate lying and bounding on said Samson Bobo's Land to the S.E. N.E. by Ezakiah Bucklews(?) Land. N.W. on Thos. Miles Land. S.W. by John McCullock's Land Being part of the same Tract which was granted to James Sample & conveyed by his Heir to said John McCullock which said granted Tract or Parcell is supposed to contain One Hundred & thirty acres more or less.

Signed: John McCullock
Wit: James Casey, Spencer Bobo, Burrell Bobo

Spartanburg Co. Deed Bk. B, p. 35: John McCullock to Spencer Bobo, Junr.; Lease No. 105; 2 July 1787:

John McCullock Gent'l of City of Charleston to Spencer Bobo, Junr of Spartanburg County. Ten Shillings, 100 Acres part of 1000 acres granted to James Sample's Estate and by lease and release Bearing Date the fifth and sixth day of December Anno Domini 1785. Together with House, Orchards, Timber, _____ paths, passage way, water and _____ _____ Liberties & Privileges, etc. etc.

Signed: John McCullock
Wit: Sarah X Brooks, Peter Brooks

Okay, what do you think was the wellspring of the **real love** which John McCullock "hath and beareth" for Samson Bobo? I have never found any connection of the McCullock's with the Bobo's. This has to be "old" Sampson, husband of Sarah Simpson. Don't know of any other Sampson it could be. If we try to find a blood relationship between the two, you know it is not actually proven that Judith, wife of Spencer 2 Bobo was really a Foster. It is just speculation. Perhaps Judith was really a McCullock and Sampson is John McCullock's grandson. What do you know about John McCullock? For all I know, he might be the same age as Sampson or even Spencer 2 Bobo.

As for the lease to Spencer Bobo, Junr, the love John Mc. had for Sampson did not extend to his son because he is charging the soon to be Rev. Spencer Bobo to lease his land. It sounds as if Spencer is either soon to be married or recently married because the land came with all the necessaries to begin married life.

Yes, why is Chuck Bobo or Bob Bobo or any of those quasi Bobo researchers still casting about their seeds of misinformation? I have no answer, but neither Chuck or Bob will listen to me. Admittedly, Bob Bobo has allowed that he is conceding to my lineup for the Spencers and the Absoloms. In the meantime, that GEDCOM, from which you received the 100 pages, is being flung far and wide, so the misinformation will continue to flourish.

I log on locally to the National Genealogical Society bulletin board. There are about five of us who have been talking Bobo. I don't believe any one of them is a direct descendant of any Bobo, just have connections through Skeltons, Normans and such. The other day a new voice came through cyberspace allowing that he, Milton Bobo, wanted to research his Bobo family. Said his father was born in Inman, S.C. Well, I sent a message telling him that I would be glad to help him. All the others jumped right in putting things on like "you are descended from Francis Spencer Bobo who married Mary Judith Mason" and "you need to get the book Bobo Cousins." Well, throw up! What's a girl to do? I've told all those people that there is no Francis and no Mary Judith Mason, and what they should do with that Bobo Cousins mess. I suppose that the only people searching for the truth are you, me and Johnny Cochran.

Say, if you think that the "Nancy Bobo" in the bastardy bond was Absolom's wife, then what do you suppose happened to the child? Do you think that Nancy/Ann died between 1807 and the time that Absolom married Mary Bobo?

In some Holland family info that I have, by two different sources, Roy Gibson of Ft. Worth, gr gr gr grndson of Rezin Holland and Mrs. Esther H. Pitts of Clinton, SC, Jeremiah who married our Nancy Bobo is sadly neglected. In fact, it appears that Mr. Gibbs used Mrs. Pitts info because what little is said about Jeremiah is about the same in both. Mrs. Pitts, in 1967, said that Jeremiah Holland, b. Sept. 16, 1768 m Nancy Langston; d before 1800; m (2) _____ Simpson. Mr. Gibson, in 1974, wrote Jeremiah Holland, b. 16 Sept., 1768; married _____, Page 3

179___ in Laurens Co., SC, _____? (possibly Langston); died by early 800 or before in Laurens Co., SC. This is all that is said by either of these people. Now, our Jeremiah had a nephew also named Jeremiah. He was the son of our Jeremiah's brother Rezin, born 22 Aug 1796, died 19 Aug 1840; married 13 Mar 1821 to Mahala Langston, d/o Henry and Sarah Murphy Langston. They moved to Lawrence Co., AL. It was this Jeremiah's sister Ann, born 1800, who married Solomon Wilder. So, the Langston's are tied up with the Holland's. However, I feel that the records I have found prove that our Jeremiah Holland married Nancy Bobo and not Nancy Langston.

Well, enough of Bobo. Hey, big guy, are we losing it in our old age? I know I often think that I am. I returned your Pearson book. You wrote and said that you had received a letter from someone whose questions could be answered by the book, so I sent it right along. Now, if you can't find it, I did make a copy so I'll be glad to make you a copy from my copy. I do have the Blackstock book and will send it right along.

How exciting for your son! I will keep any eye out for his television movie. My son Troyce and his wife Alice are moving back to Texas. We are all delighted. They will be in Dallas in about a month. Lucky ducks, they sold their Nashville house to the first person who looked at it. I will miss having an excuse to go to Nashville, but it will be nice for our little family to all be in the same state again.

My gosh, it's 5 o'clock and I just heard Rodney drive in. Time to think about some supper. Bye for now.

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by Dianne Woods

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1773SCSpartanburgM-188CouchMathewFeb 18, 1773 p188-190, Mathew Couch & wife Fanny (Enoree SC) to Beverly Cox (same) for 50~ SC money sold 50 ac on branch of Enoree R; NW part of 100 ac grant Jun 16, 1700 (sic) Gov Charles G Montague to Mathew Couch in Craven Co. Wit Peter Brooks, John Rainwater & Moses Casey. Signed Mathew & Fanny Couch's marks. Wit Oath none. Rec Feb 12, 1810.

1784SCSpartanburgB-238CouchJamesOct 19, 1784 p238-239 Charles Waters, constable (Enoree SC) to William Hinton (Tyger R), bond for 500~ sterling; Charles is to make a title for 225 ac on N side of Enoree R; border James Benton, Charles Waters, "The Irish line", and land laid out for James Couch; part of 450 ac surveyed by Charles Waters; Wit: Edward Musgrove. Signed Charles Waters. Wit oath Apr 16, 1789 Edwd Musgrove to Saml Lancaster.

1785SCSpartanburgA-53CouchMathewOct 19, 1785 p53-55, Benjamin Wofford & wife Mary & Burwell Thomason & wife Ann (Spartanburgh) to Henry Merideth (same) for 300~ sterling sold 500 ac a part of 600 ac on both sides of Enree R & W of 100 ac sold on N side of Enoree R to Matthew Couch, land on N side of River in Spartanburg Co & land on S side of River in Laurens Co; border, Mathew Couch & Fort Shoal; grant Mar 26, 1755 Gov Arthur Dobbs (NC) to Thomas Irwin who sold on May 11, 1755 to Bartlett Brown. Witness James Allison & John Couch. signed Benjamin & Mary Wofford & Burwell & Ann Thomson.

1786SCSpartanburgA-110CouchCouch?1786 p110-113, James McDowell & wife Mary (Laurens Co) to Richard Fryar (Spartanburgh) for 50~ 12s 10p SC money sodl 150 ac on Cedar Shaols Cr waters of Enoree R; grant May 20, 1768 Gov Ch Granville Monte (SC) to James McDowall; border vacant at time of grant. witness Thomas Gorman & John Couch, signed James & Mary McDowall's mark.

1786SCSpartanburgB-479CouchJamesDec 25, 1786 p479-482, Charles Waters & wife Mary (Spartanburgh) to Samuel Farrow (same); for 100~ 10s sterling sold 150 ac on Enoree R; part of 450 ac grant Oct 2, 1786 Gov William Moultrie to Charles Waters; border James Couch, Edward Linch, Samuel Farrow, Westwood Waters & Thomas Scurry. Wit: Mrs Betty Ham, Mrs Mary Blasingame, & Mrs Polley Blasingame. signed Charles Water's mark and Mary Waters. Wit oath (Greenville Co) Oct 22, 1791 Polley Blassingame to Blasingame. Rec Nov 28, 1791.

1786SCSpartanburgB-92CouchJohnJan 5,1786, p94-96, Charles Hunt (Enoree) to John Couch (same); for 3~ 10s sterling sold 50 ac on a branch of Enoree R; grant Dec 05,1785 Gov William Molultrie to Charles Hunt for 176 ac bordering Mary Couch Spring, now border; Charles Hunt, John Couch, John Bevit, Thomas Couch, des. Witness Henry Merideth, George Hunt, & Jesse Couch, Signed Charles & Millie Hunt.

1786SCSpartanburgB-61CouchJosephApr 8, 1786 p64-5, Jesse Casey (Enoree,

Saprtanburg) to Joesph Couch (same) for 22 (schilling ?) 10s sterling sold 100 ac on Two Mile Cr of Enoree R , border, William Crow & vacant; grant in 1785 Gov William Moltrie to Jesse Casey. Witness John Watson & Benjamin Couch. Signed Jesse Casey & Mary's mark.

1788SCSpartanburgF-311CouchJohnAug 4, 1788 p311-313, Spencer Bobo Sr & wife Judah (Spartanburgh) to Christopher Rhodes Sr (same) for 10~ sterling sold 146 ac, borger Thomas Todd, John Hillin, John Couch, Christopher Rhodes Sr, Tilmon Bobo, & John Rainwater; Part of 446 ac grant in 1786 Gov William Moultrie to Spencer Bobo Sr on Sedar Shoal Cr of Enoree R. Wit Spencer Bobo (signed) and Benjamin Hooker. Signed Spencer & Judah Bobo's marks. Wit Oat Apr 10, 1790 Spencer Bobo (signed) to Thomas Farrow. Rec Apr 26, 1799.

1788SCSpartanburgB-174CouchMathewAug 20, 1788 p 174-176, Henry Merideth & wife Milley & Thomas Merideth (Spartanburgh) to Landen Farrow (Same), for 150~ sol 333 ac on N bank Of Enoree R border Mathew Couch & Bebty Coxen, part of 600 ac grant Mar 26 1755 Gov Arthur Dobbs (NC) to thomas Erwine in Anson Co on both sides of Enroee R about 41/2 miles below Bartlett Brown, 333 ac was sold by Thomas Benjamin Wofford & Burell Thomason who then sold to Henry Meredith. Wit: Thomas Farrow & John Farrow. signed Henry Meredith, Milley's mark & Thomas Meredith.

1789SCSpartanburgG-221CouchJohnDec 5, 1789 p221-223, David Neel (Spartanburgh) to Benjamin Rhodes (same) for 3~ sterling sold 200 ac; border Danung Br, Christopher Rhodes, & John Couch; part of 557 ac grant Mar 3, 1788 Gov Charles Pickney to David Neel on N side of Enoree R. Wit John Grezsel & Christopher Rodes Sr. signed David Neel's mark Wit Oat Feb 15, 1794 Christopher Rodes Sr to Thomas Farrow. Rec Apr 20, 1801

1789SCSpartanburgB-249CouchMatthewMar 12, 1789 p249-251 Landon Farrow & wife Rachel (Spartanburgh) to John Farrow (same); for 100~ sterling sold 167 ac on N side of Enoree R; part of tract sold by William Brown to Benjamin Wofford who sold to Henry Meredith who sold to Landow Farrow, border Matthew Couch. Wit: Peter Brooks & Thomas Farrow. signed Landon & Rachel Farrow. Wit oat Mar 12, 1789 Thomas Farrow to Wm Smith.

1790SCSpartanburgB-447CouchJohnMar 9, 1790 p447-449, Samuel Farrow, high sheriff (Spartanburgh Co) to Thomas Tod (same) for 5~ sold 300 ac on N side of Enoree R; grant Oct 2, 1786 Gov William Moultrie to (not given), and recorded in Secretary's grant book 4-o p43, sale is due to a court case of Charles Waters vs John Couch which was won by John Couch; writ from Spartanburg Co Court, Baylis Earle presiding, on the third Monday in Mar 1789 to collect 6~ 10s 5p sterling from Charles Waters; sale of land was held Mar 18 1789. Wit: W Lancaster 7 Brittian Willeford. Signed Saml Farrow. Wit oath Mar 09 1790 wLancaster & Obadiah Trimmler. Rec Jun 2, 1791. plat attached

1792SCSpartanburgD-5CouchDruryJan 21, 1792 p5-6, Drury Couch (Spartanburgh) to Benjamin Rhodes (same) for 40~ 10s sterling sold 150 ac on Both sides Fort Shoals Cr, grant Gov Charles G Montague to Thomas Couch, dec & by will to Drury Couch. Wit: Christopher Rhodes & John

Gorzvel. Signed Drury Couch's mark. Wit Oath Oct 4, 1793 Drury Couch to (not given) Rec Oct 13, 1794

1792SCSpartanburgC-41CouchJohnJan 26, 1792 p39-41, Spencer Bobo Sr (Spartanburgh) to Aaron Casey (same), for 50~ sterling sol 507 ac know by name of Peach (or Rase) path survey, grant Oct 1786 Gov William Moultrie to (not given), border former land of Nath Hillim, Thomas Couch & John Burt. Wit Absalom Bobo & Levenston Bobo.

1792SCSpartanburgC-112CouchJohnJan 05,1792 p112-113, John Couch (Spartanbugh) to Joseph Couch (same) for 100~ sold 150 ac on Enoree R, hald of 300 ac grant May 7, 1767 Gov Charles G Montague to Thomas Couch, desc, and 50 on E side of Enoree R;, grant to Charles Hunt & leased to John Couch. Wit Aaron Casey & Isaac Couch. Signed John Couch. Wit Oath Oct 22, 1792 John Couch to Thomas Farrow. Rec Apr 15, 1793

1793SCSpartanburgC-305CouchDrurySep 19, 1793 p305-307, John burt (Laurens Co) to Drury Couch (Spartanburgh) for 200~ sterling sold 150 ac on Fort Shaols Br of Enoree R, grant Dec 4, 1786 Gov William Moultrie to John Burt. Wit Aaron Casey & Joseph Couch. Signed John Burt's mark. Wit Oath Oct 4, 1793. Joseph Couch to Thomas Farrow. Rec Nov 11, 1794.

1794SCSpartanburgD-336CouchDruryJan 26, 1794 p336-338, Drury Couch (Spartanburgh) to Thomas Stroud (same) for 50~ sold 50 ac W of Hunt's Path including upper ford of Fort Shoal Cr, part of 150 ac on Fort Shoal Cr of Enoree R granted in 1786 Gov William Moultrie to John Burt who sold Sep 19, 1793 to Drury Couch (see book C p 305) Wit Mark Stroud & Aaron Casey. Signed Drury Couch's mark. Wit Oath Jan 11, 1796 Mark Stroud to Thomas Farrow. Rec May 11, 1796.

1794SCSpartanburgC-363CouchEdwardNov 14, 1794 p363-369, Wade Hampton esq (Camden Dist) to Robert Smock & Eden Shotwell, ….. Border NE & NW Edward Couch, …. Granted Aug 5, 1793 Gov William Moultrie to Robert Waring who sold to Wade Hampton…

1794SCSpartanburgD-126CouchJosephJul 26, 1794 p126-128, Charles Hunt (Pendleton Co) to Joseph Couch (Spartanburgh), for 10s SC money sold 126 ac on Enoree R; grant Dec 5, 1795 to Charles Hent & 50 ac of "same" grant Jan 5, 1786 to John Couch, Charles warrants all the land except part held and claimed by Landow Farrow by a "north wright". Wit: Henry Hardin & Mark Stroud. Signed Charles Hunt. Wit Oath Feb 26, 1795 Henry Hardin to Thos Farrow. Rec Oct 6, 1796.

1796SCSpartanburgF-189CouchJosephSep 23, 1796 p189-191, Joseph Couch (Spartanburgh) to John Petty Poole, (Union Co) for 100 (~7) sold 200 ac on Enoree R & part of two tracts, (1) 150 ac is part of 300 ac grant May 7, 1767 Gov Charles Montague to Thos Couch des, & (2) 50 ac is part of grant to Charles Hunt, one ac excepted where Joseph Couch's father is buried & one of "his" children. Wit Spencer Brown, Seth Petty Pool, & Jesse Petty Poole. Signed Joseph Couch's mark. Wit Oath May 15, 1798 Spencer Brown to Thos Farrow Rec Oct 29, 1798.

1798SCSpartanburgF-432CouchJohnMar 4, 1798 p432-433, John Couch (Greenville Co) to Drewry Couch (same) for 50~ sold 108 ac on N side of

Enoreee R. Wit: Aaron Casey & Moses Couch. Signed John Couch & Ann's mark. Wit Oath Dec 26, 1799 Moses Couch to A Casey Rec Apr 8, 1800.
1798SCSpartanburgF-437CouchJohnNov 8, 1792 or 8, p437-438, John Cannon & wife Rebecahah (Spartanbugh) to Benjamin Couch (same), for 20~ sold 50 ac on N side Enoree R; border Edward Lyaeh's Spring Br, part of 300 ac grant in 1773 Gov William Bull to John Couch who sold to Addam Garman who Sold to John Cannon. Wit:Henry Merideth & Addam Garmon. Signed John Cannon & Rebecahah's mark. Wit Oath Jul 17, 1799 Henry Merideth to A Casey Rec Apr 10, 1800.
1799SCSpartanburgM-79CouchThomasJul 31, 1799 p79-80, Christopher Rhodes (Pinckneyville Dist) to Thomas Rhodes (SC); for 50! Sold (ac not given) border Thomas Couch & a waggon road, sold Aug 4, 1788 by Spencer Bobo Sr to Christopher Rhodes. Wit Shadrack Waldrop & Judith Rhodes. Signed Christopher Rhodes. Wit Oath Jul 31, 1799 Shadrack Waldrop to A Casey Rec Jun 3, 1809.
1801SCSpartanburgG-265CouchMathiasJul 3, 1801 p265-268, Samuel Miller Sheriff (Spartanburgh) to Burell Bobo (same) for $47 sold 95 ac; William Farrow "shewed me" 95 ac on waters Enoree R near Cedar Shoal Cr, border N-part of same tract, E-Widow Warters,, S-Mathias Couch, & W-James Clayton; execution levied obtained by George Robuck vs William Farrow in Spartanburgh Co Court for $125.85; sale Sep 01, 1798 for $47. Wit Drury McDaniel, Anthony Foster, & John Anderson. Signed Saml Miller. Wit Oath Jul 3, 1801 Anthony Foster to Drury McDaniel. Rec Jul 4, 1801.
1804SCSpartanburgN-267CouchJohn Jan 24, 1804 p267-268, John Couch & wife Winny (Spartanburgh) to Benjamin couch (same) for $240 sold 100 ac on N side of Enoree R; border William Campbell. Wit William Stewart & Davis Underwood. Signed John & Winny Couch's marks. Wit Oath Apr 3, 1813 Davis Underwood to Burrell Bobo. Rec Apr 5, 1813. Dower renounced Feb 13, 1808 Winny Couch to Burrell Bobo.
1806SCSpartanburgL-369CouchJohnFeb 18, 1806 p369-370, Abraham Poole (Spartanburg) to Matthew Couch (same); for $800 sold 133 ac N side Enoree R; where Abraham Poole lives; including Grist Mill on River; part of two tracts; (1) grant to William Cox & (2) grant to Benjamin Stone; border S-Enoree R, E-John Couch, N-Benjamin Couch, & W-Benjamin Stone. Wit Samuel Farrow. Signed Abram Poole. Wit Oath Nov 1808 Samuel Farrow to D J Puckett Rec Nov 12, 1808. Dower renounced Nancy Poole to William Smith Aug 23, 1806.
1807SCSpartanburgN-265CouchJohn SrOct 27, 1807 p265-267, John Couch Sr (Spartanburgh) to Benjamin Couch (same) for (money not mentioned) sold 160 ac on N side of Enoree R at Sandy Ford; border land John Couch sold to Adam Farmer & Land John Couch sold to William Camnel; part of 300 ac grant Mar 9, 1773 to James Couch. Wit Henry Meredeth, Levi Couch, & William Cammell. Signed John Couch's mark. Wit Oath Apr 3, 1813 Levi Couch to Burrell Bobo. Rec Apr 5, 1813. Dower renounced Feb 13, 1808 Winny Couch to Burrell Bobo.
1807SCSpartanburgL-134CouchMatthewAgu 22, 1807 p134-135, Matthew Couch &

wife Elizabeth (Spartanburg) to James Clayton (same) for $200 sold 150 ac on N side Enoree R where; where Matthew Couch lives; border N-James Clayton, E-Solomon Smith, S-Benjamin Stone, & N(sic) John Farrows; part of tow grants to (1) William Cox & (2) Matthew Couch Sr. Wit: Henry Meredith & Fielding Clayton. Signed Matthew & Elizabeth Couch's marks. Wit Oath Sep 16, 1807 Fielding Cayton to Burrell Bobo. Rec not given.
1808SCSpartanburgL-224CouchDruryMar 14, 1808 p224-226, John P Poole (Spartanburgh) to Bridges Arendel (same) for $300 sold 100 ac on N side of Enoree R; border E-Drury Couch, W-land sold today to Benjamin Rhodes by John P Poole, & N-land sold by Drury Couch to Benjamin Rhodes by Part of 300 ac grant to Thomas Couch & sold Sep 23, 1796 by Joseph Couch to John P Poole. Wit Aaron Casey & William Higgins. Signed John P Poole. WitOath Mar 10, 1808, Aaron Casey to Burell Bobo. Rec Apr 11, 1808. Dower Renounced Elender Poole to Burrell Bobo Mar 14, 1808.
1808SCSpartanburgM-402CouchDruryNar 14m 1808 p402-403, John P Poole (Spartanburgh) to Drury Couch (same) for $100 sold 50 ac border grant to Thomas Couch (now owned by Drury Couch) and by Thomas Stroud; part of grant to Charles Hunt & sold Sep 23, 1796 Joseph Couch to John P Poole. Wit Aaron Casey & William Higgins. Signed John P Poole. Wit Oath Mar 14, 1808 Aaron Casey to Burrell Bobo. Rec Apr 8, 1811. Dower renounced Elender Poole to Burrell Bobo Mar 4, 1808 (sic)
1808SCSpartanburgM-226CouchThomasMar 4,1808 p226-7, John P Poole (Spartanburgh) to Benjamin Rhodes (same) for $100 sold 50 ac; border John D Neil (now owned by Benjamin Rhodes), W of branch that runs through a grant May 7, 1767 to Thomas Couch who sold Sep 23, 1796 to John P Poole. Wit Aaron Casey & William Higgins. Signed John P Poole. Wit Oath Mar 14, 1808 Aaron Casey to Burell Bobo. Rec Apr 9, 1810. Dower renounced Elender Poole to Burrell Bobo Mar 14, 1808.
1809SCSpartanburgM-187CouchMathewDec 1, 1809 p187-188, James Clayton (Spartanburgh) to Fielding Clayton (same) for $500 sold 100 ac on Fort Shoal Cr of Enoree R; where Mathew Couch formerly lived; part of survey by his father Mathew Couch; border John Farrow; grant Nov 22, 1771 Gov Charles G Montague to Mathew Couch. Wit John W Farrow & William Clayton. Signed John Clayton. Wit Oath Jan 2, 1810 William Clayton to Burrell Bobo. Rec Feb 12, 1810.
1812SCSpartanburgN-196CouchDruryJul 1812 p1960197, John Stroud (Spartanburgh) to Isaac Stroud (same) for #250 sold 100 ac on N side of Enoree R; border E-Drury Couch & N & W Benjamin Rhodes; part of 300 ac grant to Thos Couch & sold by John P Poole to John Stroud Mar 14, 1808. Wit Aaron Casey & William Casey. Signed John Stroud Wit Oath Jul 9, 1812 Aaron Casey to Burrell Bobo. Rec Nov 9, 1812. Dower renounced Jul 9, 1812 Rebecca Stroud to Burrell Bobo.
1813SCSpartanburgP-49CouchJohnDec 22, 1813 p49-51, John Couch (Spartanburg) to Joel Lewis (same) for $150 sold 200 ac on both sides Holston Cr of S Pacolett R; border Charleston Road, John Sloan, & Samuel Evans; part of two grants to (1) Thomas Pellorrow (or Pellarow) & (2)

Robert Harper; where John Couch lives. Wit: James Roddy & Frances Lewis. Signed John Couch's mark. Wit Oath Jan 5, 1814 Frances Lewis to James Young. Rec Jun 12, 1816. Dower renounced Jan 5, 1814 Winny Couch to James Young.

1814SCSpartanburgP-147CouchBenjaminJul 26, 1814 p147-148, Smedley Lynch (Spartanburgh) to Benjamin Couch (same) for $400 sold 200 ac on braches of Elisha's Cr of Enoree R; originally border; all vacant & now border W-Nathan Smith, N-R Oliphant & John Anderson, E-Spencer Bobo, & S-Samuel Farrow. Wit Davis Newman & William Campbell. Signed Smedley Lynch. Wit Oath Nov 8, 1816 Davis Newman to Burell Bobo. Rec Nov 11, 1816. Dower renounced Jul 29, 1814 Mary Lynch to Burrell Bobo.

1814SCSpartanburgO-104CouchDruryMar 7, 1814 p104, James Clayton (Spartanburgh) to Fielding Clayton (same) for $200 sold 100ac on Fort Shoals Br of Enoree R; border N & W-Drury Couch, S-Rachel Farrow, & E-James Clayton. Wit: James Keating & William Clayton. Signed James Clayton. Wit Oath Mar 7, 1814 James Keating to Burrell Bobo. Rec Apr 11, 1814.

1816SCSpartanburgO-391CouchMosesJan 24, 1816 p391-392, Richard Fryer (Spartanburgh) to Charles Stewart and heirs of William Stewart desc; a bond for #300; condition bond void if Richard Fryar does Not "call" a mortgage bond William Stewart gave Richard Fryar Feb 23, 1807 for land on Enoree R; later mortgage recorded in Spartanburg Clerk's office. Wit: Aaron Casey & Moses Couch. Signed Richard Fryar. Wit Oath Jan 24, 1816 Aaron Casey to M Casey. Rec Feb 5, 1816.

1818SCSpartanburgQ-321CouchEliDec 25, 1818 p321-322, Eli Couch (Spartanburgh) to Francis Glenn (Laurens Dist) for $1,000 sodl 300 ac on NE side of Cedar Shoal Cr of Enoree R; border N-Spencer Bobo, W-Nathan Langston, E-Jesse Couch & J F Harmoning, S-Samuel Farrow & Musgrove's Rd. Wit: James Burk & Chaney Stone. Signed Eli Couch. Wit Oath May 10, 1819 James Burk to M Casey. Rec Jul 23, 1819. Dower renounced Dec 21, 1818 Nancy Couch to Burrel Bobo.

1849SCSpartanburgAA-443 CouchJamesto Jesse Campbell of Spartanburg Dist for $00. Sold 76 acres on Enoree River, having such shape marks and bounds as represented by plat. Wit: James Waldrip, Eli Campbell, Signed James Campbell, Witness Oath 11 Feb 1849: signed Eli Campbell to W H Wilbanks Mag. Release of Dower, 11 Feb 1850: Signed Rebecca Couch to W H Wilbanks Mag. Registered 12 Feb 1850. pg 443-444

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Dear Ms. Nolan;

Your name was furnished to me by Robert G. Bobo of Franklinville, Ohio, who described you as a most knowledgeable Bobo researcher, and stated you had expressed a theory on the "extra" Spencer Bobo in early South Carolina, in addition to unraveling the three Absaloms Bobo of the same period.

First, let me mention that for years one of my genealogical projects has involved researching nearly all the original families of that area, best described as modern Cross Anchor, but involving present Union, Spartanburg, and Laurens Counties. The kinships were so involved it's impossible to gain accurate data without exploring all of them. I have too many connections to the original four Bobo brothers that came to South Carolina to mention in this brief letter. In fact, I'm related to nearly all the old families of that area.

I, too, in the beginning, had some problems in placing and sorting the many Absaloms and Spencers, three of each, but eventually succeeded. The reason some others failed in that project is twofold: first, they concentrated only on the Bobo families and ignored the legal records of the many allied families (because they weren't aware of many of the marriages); and, secondly, they ignored the records of Laurens and Union Counties. I'm sure you're aware of the geography of that area. A person could move back and forth across the Enoree River only a few feet and be in Laurens, Spartanburg, or Union County, which they did, not to mention moving a few more miles and landing in Newberry or Greenville County after 1785 when the present counties were formed. After 1796, there was a great migration from that area to present Greenville County and Georgia, and it included Bobos. It was in Greenville County that I finally solved the marriage of Lavinia Bobo, the daughter of Sampson and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo.

I am most curious to learn if your solution to the problem of the various Absaloms and Spencers is as mine. If you're interested, I'd be glad to furnish you with my findings and the proofs. I have a vast amount of material I've collected on the general Bobo family, most of which is documented, and would be glad to share it with you to establish further proofs. By the way, I suspect your "extra" Spencer Bobo was the son of Spencer and Judith, who married Nancy Berry in Laurens County and they eventually went to Georgia, where they died.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Nolan,

Before starting, please let me ask that you do not release this letter to anyone. I fully realize that genealogical letters have a way of being distributed, but I'm going to write some things I can't prove, and I don't want them to come back and haunt me. If you wish a letter that can be released I'll be glad to provide it with that forewarning so I can remain with documented facts. Thank you.

I had spent a week writing the first draft of an article on the Blackstock family and the disk crashed with no backup. I began again and finished to the original place this morning, so you can imagine I'm sick, sick, sick of it by now. Your letter arrived in the noon mail, so it is a welcome diversion from Blackstock for awhile. By the way, William Blackstock, Jr., (1755-1841) supposedly married Mary Bobo, the daughter of Sampson and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo, but I've never found any proof. According to a letter written to Lyman Copeland Draper in 1873 by a Blackstock, William, Jr., "married a Miss Bobo" and they had four daughters who married Yarborough, Smith, Foster, and Pool. The latter two, another researcher has well documented: Jane, who married Arkillis Foster; and Mary, who married Berry Poole. From my own research, I know who those two men were. As for the former two daughters, I can only guess their husbands and I don't like to guess. Is there anything you can furnish me re Mary (Bobo) Blackstock and those two daughters? Elizabeth Bobo, daughter of Sampson and Sarah, married Anthony Foster, Jr., brother to Arkillis, both of them sons of Anthony and Sarah Foster, Sr. I know nothing about the latter couple before they came to Cross Anchor. I did recently establish one fact probably novel to this puzzle. William Blackstock, Jr., lived adjacent to Isaac Tinsley, son of Golding Tinsley, near Cross Anchor (in fact Isaac witnessed William's will), and what is now known as the Bobo-Ducker Cemetery. Golding Tinsley, Anthony and Sarah Foster, and a few others are buried there.

The author of that letter to Draper was born on the Blackstock plantation in Union County, S.C., in 1794, and remained there until 1800 when he was taken to Greenville County. After reaching adulthood, he stated he often returned and visited in the home of William Blackstock, Jr., so he must have known he married a "Miss Bobo," and the marriages of her daughters.

Let me take your letter in reverse order. Once I get into the Bobos, it's going to get complicated. I know little of the Gilberts, unless you refer to the Giberts, whose name became Anglicized to Gilbert later. Pierre and Elizabeth (Bienaime) Gibert came to New Bordeaux (now Abbeville), S.C., from France in 1764. The name is now best remembered in Union County because their daughter, Lucy Gibert, married Benjamin Kennedy of Union County, a son of "Squire" William Kennedy and wife, Mary Ann Brandon, a sister to Col.

Thomas Brandon. The Roberts to whom you refer were connected to a Baptist minister, whom I recall as Obadiah Roberts. They did settle on the Laurens-Greenville County line as you mentioned. In fact, there is a Roberts cemetery there somewhere. I vividly recall that my aunt in Greenville, S.C., who died recently, in a letter in the 1970's to some U.S. Senator inquiring on the subject, told him she and Miss Sara Nash of Fountain Inn were then using every effort to locate that abandoned cemetery. Laurens County records are full of this Roberts family, which were published by Miss Nash and I have the book if you'd like to ask specifics. I seem to recall digging around in that family in the past with a lady in Texas due to her suspicions, which proved to be unfounded and I stopped. I may be mistaken, but think I recall that the Roberts had some connection to the Wrights or Bowmans, who had come from Frederick County, Virginia, before the Revolution. If any of this rings a bell, let me know. If I can't find the material in my files, I can certainly put you in contact with the appropriate persons.

There was also a Gilbert family in Hanover County, Virginia, who had some close connection to the Glens and Sims, the latter two families who came to what became Chester, Union, and Newberry Counties, S.C., before the Revolution.

Now, on to the Bobos. Let me first say that I do not claim to be an authority on the Bobos. My research time has been limited due to interest in many more families of the area. In other words, I have never mounted a campaign to attack the subject as a blitz. Therefore, I have many gaps and am sure there is a multitude of material available unknown to me.

Before I get into the confusion of Spencers, Absaloms, and etc., let me mention that I think your Levingston Bobo was a son of Spencer and Judith Bobo, but have no proof. I do know that Levingston had a son Foster Bobo. Did Levingston marry a Foster? Levingston was recorded variously as Levi, Livingston, Levenston, etc., but I'm sure you know that.

You're correct that there were four Spencers Bobo, if you count the father in Virginia, whom I'm sure never came to South Carolina. When I mentioned the three Spencers, I was referring to South Carolina. First, there was Spencer in Virginia, the father of Lewis, Sampson, Absalom, and Spencer, Jr. Although I have no proof, I assume the four brothers came to South Carolina together in 1770, when Lewis obtained land on the Tyger River, now in Union County. Let's attack the Spencers in South Carolina first. Spencer Bobo, Jr., used that title in Virginia because of his father then being Sr. He married Judith, probably in Virginia, and they, in turn, had a son named Spencer. When the latter Spencer Bobo reached maturity in South Carolina, he adopted the title of Jr., then necessitating his father to adopt the Sr. title. So, in other words, the Spencer Bobo, Jr., in Virginia, who married Judith, became Spencer Bobo, Sr., in South Carolina. Spencer Bobo, Jr., the son of Spencer and Judith, married Nancy Berry of Laurens County, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Berry. I can document that from the estates of her brothers, William Berry (d. 1804) and George Berry (d. 1806). George Berry had married, ca. 1785, my ancestral half-aunt, the now famous Mary Musgrove of Musgrove's Mill. (She was the younger half-sister of my ancestor, Beeks Musgrove.) Spencer and Nancy Bobo, Jr., lived in Laurens County for awhile, then moved over to Spartanburg County. In fact, this Spencer Bobo, Jr., signed in 1785 in Charleston for some money owed Beeks Musgrove by the

state for Revolutionary service. That would indicate he was there collecting his own money for the same. I'm not sure when Spencer and Nancy were married, but their daughter, Isabel Bobo, was supposedly born in 1784. That date could be incorrect. Isabel was born at a date to have married, as his second wife, Walter Stewart of Laurens County in ca. 1812, or of a date that her first Stewart child was born 1/27/1813, Rev. Clark Berry Stewart. In about 1824, Walter and Isabel Stewart moved to Gwinnett County, Georgia, taking her parents, Spencer and Nancy Bobo, Jr. (Spencer, Jr., has been referred to as Francis Spencer Bobo by some, but I discount the name.) Walter Stewart died there in 1825, and Isabel remarried to Henry Turner before she died in 1843. The Bobos died there. Clark Berry Stewart returned to South Carolina and became a prominent and loved Presbyterian minister and is buried in Laurens County. I mentioned Isabel's first Stewart child. Isabel had only one sister, Ann, younger, and it appears that one of them bore an illegitimate child, Willis Bobo, born 10/22/1811 in Spartanburg County, who was raised by his grandparents, Spencer and Nancy Bobo. There was an earlier Willis Bobo in Spartanburg County, mature by 1806, and I have no idea who he was.

I have no idea when Spencer and Judith Bobo, Sr., died, but they were certainly alive in 1790, as was their son, Spencer Bobo, Jr., and Rev. Spencer Bobo, so that accounts for the three Spencers Bobo alive in Spartanburg County at the same time. I can only assume that Spencer Bobo, Sr., was dead by 1794. The proof of Spencer Bobo, Jr., being the son of Spencer and Judith Bobo, Sr., lies in a deed of 1794 whereby Spencer Bobo and wife Nancy sold to Anthony Foster, Sr., 100 acres of land where Spencer and Nancy Bobo lived between Tyger and Enoree Rivers on a ridge about three miles above Blackstock's Ford on Tyger River, witnessed by Anthony Foster, Jr., and Absalom Bobo. The curiosity of this deed is that it was signed by Spencer Bobo and Nancy (X) Berry. It also states that the land was part of 1000 acres sold by James Simple, Jr., to John McCullock, then to Spencer Bobo. By prior record, it is documented that Spencer Bobo, Sr., bought that land from John McCullock on 4/5/1786, as there are other deeds including the name of Judith. Further, in another deed, Absalom Bobo and wife Ann mention "my father Spencer Bobo" and that same McCullock sale and date. There was only one Absalom Bobo of that time with a wife named Ann, who was Ann Musgrove. This proves that the Absalom Bobo that married Ann Musgrove was not the son of Sampson and Sarah Bobo as so many claim, but the son of Spencer and Judith Bobo, Sr.

Let me clarify some of the above. "On a ridge" was Cross Anchor, called "The Ridge" before Cross Anchor. Blackstock's Ford was a landmark name, often used in deeds, three miles from Cross Anchor, where Old William Blackstock, Sr., had settled in 1770, a natural ford on the Tyger River, used by the Cherokees for centuries traveling from the mountains to the coast; also where the Battle of Blackstock's Ford was fought; and that path became the "Blackstock Road." Whoever drew that deed knew Nancy Bobo was nee Nancy Berry and used her maiden name by mistake. She was illiterate, so didn't realize it was "Nancy Berry." All the more proof she was a Berry! I suppose you've heard the tale about why Cross Anchor was so named? One of the Bobos, I've forgotten which, built a home there with crossed anchors insignia in the gable. It burned at some later date. Barrum Bobo, son of Sampson and Sarah, built an identical home in 1812 with crossed keys insignia at what is now Cross Keys. Tradition has it that the insignias represented the Bobo

voyage from France, that the anchors represented the ship and the keys represented one having been a ship's purser. Even if wrong, it's a good tale! The Cross Keys home still stands, and is currently for sale in case you're interested. That Cross Keys land had belonged to Samuel Simpson, who had a wife named Nancy and I've long suspected she was Nancy Bobo, daughter of Sampson and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo, or maybe he was a brother to Sarah (Simpson) Bobo. There was some connection there somehow.

Let's now discuss the three Absaloms Bobo. One, of course, is mentioned above, the son of Spencer and Judith Bobo, Sr., and who married my ancestral half-aunt, Ann Musgrove. (Again, she was Beeks Musgrove's younger half-sister; also Mary Musgrove Berry's younger half-sister, as Ann was by the third wife of Edward Musgrove; Beeks by the first, Mary by the second.) Another was Absalom, son of Sampson and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo, proven by the 1813 will of Sarah Bobo, his mother. And, lastly, there was Absalom Bobo, the elder, married to Amy Sims, one of the original four brothers that came to South Carolina in 1770. Although no proof exists as to his connection, Spencer and Mary Bobo, Sr., in Virginia did have a son named Absalom. I've never found any proof that Amy was a Sims, although it sure looks like it.

Let me give you some specifics re Absaloms. First, the Absalom that married Ann Musgrove. He was born 3/13/1765, died 12/1/1846. I can't place the marriage date exactly, but probably about 1792 from a deed. Additionally, I can prove he married Ann Musgrove from the will of her only full brother, William Musgrove, Edward Musgrove's youngest child. Absalom and Ann Bobo's first born was Dr. Edward Musgrove Bobo, (12/22/1794- 10/15/1858). When William Musgrove (1782-1848) died childless, he left Musgrove's Mill to his nephew, Dr. Edward Musgrove Bobo, so stated in his will. I won't bore you with the particulars, but one of Dr. E.M. Bobo's daughters, Susan, married Dick Srpings, who then controlled the Springmaid Textile fortune. One of those descendants has been very cordial and helpful to me in sorting out the confusion, actually a "sort of" double cousin through one of my Chester County families. (Initially, I told you I was kin to everyone in that area.) Someone in the past started a vicious rumor, which reached print, that Absalom Bobo divorced Ann Musgrove and remarried his first cousin, Mary Bobo (surname Bobo). I've even had people to write me and say it is so stated in Absalom's will, which is absolutely not so. I can't imagine who began that, but they knew little of South Carolina history. Divorce was not possible in this state until 1865, then only until 1867, and the laws reinstated in the 1940's. However, from his will, it's obvious that Absalom's wife was named Mary when he died. And, both are buried in the Bobo-Ducker Cemetery, her dates as 1773-1857. From his will it seems that he had two sets of children, although not specifically stated. It seems he had Dr. E.M. Bobo; Jane, who married Alfred Dean; Sampson, about whom I know nothing; and Lavinah, who married a Woodruff, probably Mercer Woodruff; Then he named George W. Bobo and Asenteah Bobo in a manner to suggest they were children of Mary. If this is true, Ann (Musgrove) Bobo was dead by about 1810 or before because George W. Bobo is buried in Bethany Cemetery in Spartanburg County, born 1811, died 8/1/1848. I need to do more work on this line, and will when time allows because I know how to proceed from the will. The reason the divorce rumor is so horrible is that, to the uninformed, it casts suspicion as to who was the father of Ann (Musgrove) Bobo's last child!

In the Bethany Cemetery also is "Mrs. Alom Bobo, 3/1/1765- 12/1/1860." I

can only assume, due to the dates, she was the wife of Absalom Bobo, the son of Sampson and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo. I sure wish the carver had put her given name on the stone. Buried only two graves from her is "Rebecca Bobo, died 1/19/1816, aged 39 years, wife of Sampson Bobo." I don't know her maiden name, but that Sampson had to be the son of Lewis Bobo. The reason? Because the only other known Sampson of that period was Sampson Bobo, Jr., the son of Sampson and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo, Sr., who died sometime around 1808 and left a wife named Sarah. That causes a huge complication in Spartanburg County records, two Sampsons Bobo, father and son, both having died intestate nearly together, and both leaving widows named Sarah! Luckily for us, the Jr. Sarah soon married again and dropped the Bobo name. However, she had five Bobo children, named in the Sarah Bobo will of 1813 as grandchildren.

Let's now turn out attention to Absalom Bobo, the original brother of Laurens County, who married Amy, supposedly Sims. I'm sure you have all the details concerning them, although I don't have her death date. As you know, it has been reported they had only one child, Nancy, who married William Powell. I have pondered over the known records of this family for years and cannot accept they had just that one child for a very logical reason, which just might account for some of the unplaced Bobos of that time. On 4/10/1807 in Laurens County, Absalom and Amy Bobo deeded all they owned, including seventeen slaves, to William and Nancy Powell for old age support in return. That deed was filed, witnessed by Larkin and Betsy (Powell) Gaines, granddaughter of Absalom and Amy Bobo. Then, on 7/8/1808 in Laurens County, Absalom Bobo drew a will, which indicated his daughter Nancy had died, in which he named his Powell grandchildren. It was witnessed by James Golding, Sr., Andrew, James, and William Anderson, and recorded on 5/10/1813. Anybody with any sense can tell that will was not needed. Due to the 1807 deed, he owned nothing to will to anyone! That deed is why I think he had more children. In my opinion, it wasn't so much a deed to <u>present</u> belongings, but a deed to <u>prevent</u> anyone but Nancy in obtaining them. Let me digress here and mention something generally unknown to persons outside of S.C. Under our estate laws, even now basically the same since 1785, it is a well accepted fact that if you want someone to have something you deed it before death. The reason for that is because of the estate laws, which make it very simple to contest and break a will, which you can't do with a deed. That's the reason for the absence of wills <u>and</u> estates for some persons, as they deeded away their belongings and died owning nothing. Careful here, because land did not apply. Land was, and is, not handled by the probate courts in this state.

The best way I can explain my reasoning about Absalom and Amy Bobo having more children is to pose a question. If you have only one child, why make a deed in the first place? The only child, or her heirs, would eventually inherit everything anyway. That's the reason I suspect Absalom and Amy were <u>preventing</u> someone else from inheriting.

All of this rambling, so far, answers your letter, I think. Now, I'll wander off onto another subject that has long been a puzzle in my family, the name of Sampson Bobo Chandler, born about 1810. My gg-grandfather, Mordecai Chandler (1762-1846), was the Revolutionary soldier much written into S.C. history. He married Elizabeth Musgrove (1784-1852), the daughter of Beeks Musgrove. As seen, it was a "May-December" marriage (my g-grandmother, Sarah

Jane (Chandler) Stevens, wasn't born until 1821). Their first born was named Sampson Bobo Chandler for some reason I can't determine. More intriguing is the association between Mordecai Chandler and Rev. Spencer Bobo. They were the closest of friends. When Rev. Bobo left Padgett's Creek Baptist Church and founded New Hope Baptist Church at Cross Anchor, Mordecai bought land from him so they could live as neighbors. I won't bore you, but S.C. Baptist history is full of the evidence of their association and friendship. After Rev. Bobo died in 1816, Mordecai moved his family from Cross Anchor to land he owned near the town of Union, where he helped to found Hebron Baptist Church. When he died in 1846, instead of being buried in Hebron, his body was carried back to New Hope Cemetery and buried within feet of Rev. Spencer Bobo! I might add that when paying my respects at that cemetery, I take satisfaction in seeing those two old chums together for eternity. However, that does not explain why Sampson Bobo Chandler was so named. S.B. Chandler drifted out to Texas in young age, where he remained and, at one time had dropped the Chandler name and was using only "Sampson Bobo." He had been gone from his family for so long that, in 1850, his own brother, Robert Chandler, didn't even recognize him. I have a letter here written by Robert to his mother in Union County, S.C., in 1850 in which he stated he had stopped at a hotel in Indianola, Texas, and struck up a conversation with a stranger, who turned out to be Brother Sampson! Sampson was then living in Bastrop County. Robert was then on his way to the California Gold Rush, where he reportedly struck it rich. He returned to Union County, S.C., for a few days in 1852, then returned to California and was never heard of again! His disappearance has since been a sadness in my family.

There is further intrigue in this saga. My Stevens grandparents were second cousins from Union County and lived on a plantation near Charleston. In 1898, their last child was born, Frederick Wade Stevens, my uncle. When I became involved in the Stevens genealogy, I questioned that name because it had no basis in our family. Even Uncle Fred's widow didn't know why he was so named. Finally, an older cousin told me that our Grandmother Stevens had once told him that while she was pregnant in 1898 a "Texas cousin" had visited the plantation and asked that the child be named for him if a boy. I spent ten years looking for a "Frederick Wade Stevens" in Texas with no success. A couple of years ago, one of Sampson Bobo Chandler's descendants in Utah contacted me and mentioned that one of his daughters married a Frederick Wade! My search was over. Unfortunately, the lady in Utah knew little more than that, so I still know little of Sampson Bobo Chandler.

Coincidentally, Jane Farrow, the wife of Rev. Spencer Bobo, was also my ancestral "first" cousin. Her mother, as you probably know, was Rosannah (Waters) Farrow, the sister to the illustrious Col. Philemon Waters. Beeks Musgrove married Sarah Waters, a daughter of Capt. Bordroyne "Bordwine" Waters, who was also a brother to Col. Philemon Waters. Very little has been written into S.C. history about Capt. Bordwine Waters because he was murdered by Tories in 1782, leaving eight children. Thus, my ancestress, Sarah (Waters) Musgrove, was a first cousin to Jane (Farrow) Bobo. Further, one of the children left by Capt. Bordwine Waters was a son, Landon Waters, who married Margaret Musgrove, a full sister to Ann (Musgrove) Bobo. Another son, Thomas Waters, married Celia Farrow, a daughter of Landon Farrow (son of Rosannah,) Gosh, it makes one pull out hair! Another son, Bordwine, Jr. (but who spelled his name as "Bordywine") married Jane Lynch, and is often confused with his father. A son of Landon and Margaret (Musgrove) Waters,

Philemon Musgrove Waters, was told of the account of the Battle of Musgrove's Mill by his mother, Margaret. She was twelve years old during the battle. P.M. Waters related those recollections to the historian, John Logan. Later, Lyman C. Draper copied those Logan notes for his book, King's Mountain and its Heroes. I have photocopies of those notes in Mr. Draper's hand, and the account is thrilling from the eyes of a twelve year old girl. She even recalled the day after the battle when both Tory and Whig family members came to view the bodies for loved ones, including Rosannah Farrow, and of the weeping and wailing.

In conclusion, I understand there is a party in South Carolina that is now working on a dissertation for his doctorate degree, the subject of which is Gabriel Bobo of Virginia and his descendants. An associate recently sent me his name and address, but I elected not to contact him for the reason I fully understand such academia and am sure he doesn't wish to have his basic research contaminated. I eagerly await the completion of it.

I have flooded you with information, could continue with much more, but will cease. My files are full of various tidbits of Bobo information, however what I don't have certainly creates an imbalance. Whatever help you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Presently, I lack particulars about all the children of Sampson and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo. Do you know if one of their daughters married William Wilder? Also, Sarah named daughter Nancy's children as Samuel Simpson and Sally Rachell. That's why I suspect Nancy married Samuel Simpson, Sr., but in his estate records he had no daughter named Nancy. I've also considered granddaughter "Nancy Rachell" as having been married to a Rochelle, as there was a family of that name in Union County. If Nancy Bobo did marry Samuel Simpson, Sr., I have more data about her after Samuel died just prior to 1800.

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Dear Ms. Nolan,

Sorry to flood you with more information, but on further thought I realized I made a mistake in the first letter. The minister to whom I referred was not named Obediah, but Rev. Jacob Roberts.

I also remembered the motive for my own interest in the Roberts family As I mentioned, I descend from Beeks Musgrove. He was the only surviving child of Edward and Rebeccah (Beeks) Musgrove. Edward Musgrove was from Fairfax County, Virginia, and went to Frederick County by 1750. There, he met and married Rebeccah Beeks. She was a daughter of Abraham and Susannah (surname unknown) Beeks of Pennsylvania, Quakers. Abraham Beeks had died in Pennsylvania in 1732, leaving only two children, Rebeccah and Abraham, Jr., after which his widow remarried to an Edward Southwood in 1734. I have done little research on Southwood, but highly suspect he was previously married with children. The Southwood family later so prominent in Frederick County, and West Virginia, I suspect came from him. There was an Edward Southwood that built what is now a landmark mansion in West Virginia that I suspect was a son of the original Edward Southwood. Anyway, Edward Southwood brought Susannah to Frederick County, Virginia, near the town of Winchester, sometime in the 1740's. Susannah had been dismissed from the Friends for marrying Southwood. Edward Southwood died in Frederick County sometime shortly before 1749, after which Susannah again became a member of the Quakers. In 1759, she was again dismissed from the Unity for re-marrying to a "Mr. Roberts."

What strikes me as odd in this situation is that Edward Musgrove left Frederick County, Virginia, in early 1755 and came to the Tyger River of South Carolina, accompanied by his wife, Rebeccah, and her brother, Abraham Beeks, Jr. Why Susannah Beeks Southwood elected to remain in Frederick County is what I don't understand, as it is illogical. However, it's possible, and likely, she may have had Southwood children, maybe even the Edward Southwood later of West Virginia.

There is more that excites the interest, re Roberts. Abraham Beeks, Jr., bought 100 acres of Tyger River land in 1758, very close to that of Edward Musgrove. [Be careful here, because this was not what became Musgrove's Mill. This first Edward Musgrove land was in present Union County, where he built "Musgrove's Fort," also called "Fort William Henry Lyttleton" for the S.C. Governor, used during the Cherokee War of 1760-1763.] Abraham Beeks, Jr., fades from the picture, as did Rebeccah (Beeks) Musgrove, about 1760, probably killed during the Cherokee War, but he left one son, Samuel Beeks, that reached maturity. I, and others, have never discovered anything of the wife of Abraham Beeks, Jr., or if he had more children other than Samuel Beeks. If he did, they were probably not males. The next record of that Abraham Beeks, Jr., land was a memorial tax paid on it in 1771 by a Joseph

Wood, although the original deed for it wasn't filed until 1775, but there is no record of who filed the deed. In 1788, Samuel Beeks and his wife sold that Union County land.

Samuel Beeks, born ca. 1752 in Frederick County, Virginia, died 1816 in Newberry County, S.C., married Sarah Davenport of Newberry County about 1780, and they lived on Indian Creek in Newberry County. She was born ca. 1764, and died 1844 in Laurens County. I have a list of all their children and none seemingly married a Roberts, but records indicate there was some connection between the Beeks and Roberts in Newberry and Laurens Counties.

Abraham Beeks, b. 1782, m. a Rosanna.
Rebekah Beeks m. John Brooks.
Catherine Beeks m. John Fletchall.
Francis Beeks, b. 1786, m. Mary Neal.
Elizabeth Beeks m. Ambrose Hudgins.
Sarah Beeks, no information.

Some of this later Beeks family, led by one Samuel Beeks, migrated to Monroe County, Mississippi, where there is now a Beeks Cemetery near Aberdeen.

Perhaps some of the above might ring a bell re Roberts?

Sincerely,

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8-2-94

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Dear Melanie,

First off, let me pose a question. From your "justified" letter, I assume you are using a computer. If so, is it IBM compatible? If so, I can send you my correspondence on a 3½ floppy disk, formatted 720K DOS. I tend to understand printed material better than that on a screen, but the disks are handy for long documents. I work on a Brother WP-5500DS word processor, which has a mode to convert the completed disks to ASCII and can be read by any IBM compatible computer.

I think the best way to answer your letter is in the sequence of paragraphs as written. Actually, your letter gave me much more data, for which I sincerely thank you, but I'm still confused on some matters - not from your letter - but topically. You probably don't realize it, but my old cousin, Samuel Farrow of Cross Anchor (brother to Jane Farrow Bobo), was the father of the South Carolina Insane Asylum located in Columbia, and Farrow Road, the modern location, is named for him. I'm sure Old Sam had me in mind, knowing genealogy was going to someday drive me batty.

I don't mind my letters being released for academic study, but don't want anyone interpreting theories as fact and citing me as the source, which some persons have done in the past on other families. Then, when someone later proves that "fact" as wrong, it reflects on my reputation.

No, I've never corresponded with Corrine Howe. However, I have all of her work, re Blackstock and Foster, which was published in Clan Blackstock, the wonderful book by Helen Ring Womack of Addison, Texas. Helen has one section devoted to the Foster subject. Since you've answered some Bobo questions that Helen has recently asked me, I assume you have had no contact with her, a native Texan who never fails to amaze me with her knowledge of bakcountry South Carolina. (And I think I've found another one in you.) I'll be glad to send you a copy of the Blackstock article when it's published, probably in September.

No, I have none of your research, except for the "Sampson Bobo Sr. & Jr. and their Wives" that I received today. I would appreciate the papers you've done on Spencers and Absaloms.

Naah, I seriously doubt that Levingston Bobo was illegitimate. He was dealing in land at a comparatively young age, indicating he had financial backing or inherited funds, something highly unlikely for an illegitimate child. As you know, illegitimate children of that time usually took the name of the mother, and I can't place any single Bobo woman as his mother.

I'm delighted to finally learn the maiden name of Judith Bobo (Mrs. Spencer, Sr.) was Foster, and that she was a sister to Anthony Foster. All I know about the children of Anthony and Sarah (Golding) Foster is that they had Arkillis K. and Anthony, Jr. From your letter, it seems they also had a son named Joel? There was a John Foster that died in Union County in 1825, who had a daughter married to James Golding. If you don't have it, I'll

be glad to send you an abstract of his will.

I probably confused you about the Cross Keys home. You are correct it was built on the land acquired from the Samuel Simpson estate by Barrum Bobo in 1809. He started the home in 1812 and completed it in 1814, placing the crossed keys insignia on one gable. Supposedly, it was a duplicate of one already built at what is now Cross Anchor by one of Barrum's brothers. That one had the crossed anchor insignia, from which the town supposedly took the name, as did Cross Keys for Barrum's home. As I mentioned, they supposedly represented the ocean voyage by the first Bobos. All that's a great tale, but I know for certain that Cross Keys was so named at least by 1804, maybe earlier, long before Barrum built the home, and Cross Anchor had the name by at least 1812.

That Cross Keys land, 300 acres, was granted to William Rhodes in 1770. In 1776, William Rhodes and wife Elizabeth sold it to Jesse Dodd (who lived on Tyger in Unon County as a neighbor to Lewis Bobo). In 1790, Jesse Dodd mortgaged the 300 acres and some slaves to Andrew Torrance. Dodd defaulted on the loan. Andrew Torrance and wife Esther sold it to Samuel Simpson in 1796, who opened a tavern. The land had one important asset: the Old Buncombe (or Charleston) Road and the Cambridge (or Ninety Six) Road intersected on the property. Both of those roads were heavily traveled in those days. I have none of the Samuel Simpson estate papers, but Samuel was recorded often in Union County Court before his death. In 1787, he administered on the estate of John Simpson, who may have been his father, his security having been Archer Smith and William Martindale. On 12/23/1788, Samuel Simpson obtained a liquor license, indicating he was operating an inn. On 3/23/1789, a Samuel Simpson, Jr., was a petit juryman, the <u>only</u> time the "Jr." appears, which might have been a mistake, or was Samuel himself. On the same day, in the same court, Samuel Simpson was appointed as a constable. On 6/22/1789, he was appointed as a deputy sheriff. In 1791, an Edmond Simpson was hauled into court and charged with bastardy and Samuel Simpson went his bond (the girl was Elizabeth Newman). Samuel Simpson died in late 1797, and his widow, Nancy, was appointed administrator with Sampson Bobo, Andrew Torrance and (Rev.) Ambrose Ray as security, November court. By February 1798, Nancy was remarried to John Colbert and the court removed her as administrator. She immediately hired Samuel Farrow as her attorney and had herself reinstated, but Andrew Torrence withdrew from security and was replaced by Burrell Bobo. A few days later, Barrum Bobo obtained a liquor license to operate a tavern at the home of Samuel Simpson. He bought the Simpson land in 1809. There's more.

I have a copy of the Union County Equity Court Journal. Keep in mind this is only the journal, or the daily proceedings, and the actual case papers would give much, much more. On 26 June 1809, Willis Bobo, his wife, et al, vs James Richardson for partition of "said tracts of land containing 300 acres known by the name Cross Keys be sold...and money divided between Delilah, Sophia, Susannah, John, and Samuel Simpson." It was sold on the same day to Barrum Bobo for $851, the highest bid. On the same day, Samuel Simpson, Delilah Simpson, Susannah Simpson, John Simpson, and Sophia Simpson petitioned the court to have a guardian appointed, thus indicating they were minors. Barrum Bobo was appointed. On 22 July 1812, William Wilbanks and others vs. James Duncan, Bill of Injunction. For some reason, the court was asked to amend the case to include as complaintants "Delila <u>Bobo</u>, James

I recall this John Wilbanks was murdered by a McSwaine in 1835 in Union (Town).

Richardson and Sophia his wife, and Barram Bobo as guardian of Susannah Simpson, John Simpson, and Samuel Simpson." That certainly indicates that Delilah Simpson had, by then, married a Bobo; and that Sophia Simpson had married James Richardson. William Wilbanks (aka Woolbanks) was then administrator of the Samuel Simpson estate, but I'm not sure why. The Wilbanks were a large family around Cross Keys. At Padgett's Creek Baptist Church there's listed a William Wilbanks Sr. and Jr. between 1794-1804. I'm not sure which, but one married a Phoebe Holcombe, widow, and mother of Hosea Holcombe. That William Wilbanks made his will in 1816, Spartanburg County, named wife Phoebe and six children: Warren, Elijah, John, Mariah, Susannah, and Theresa (no surnames for the females). It was witnesed by Carterston Greer, Spencer Bobo, and T. Ferrorel. Phoebe Wilbanks made her will in 1820 and named son Hosea Holcombe, and her six Wilbanks children (same as above). Maybe Phoebe Holcombe/Wilbanks was somehow connected to Samuel Simpson. To give you some idea of a time frame inolved here, I found in a Smith estate the statement "Martha, the daughter of the late David Smith was married to John Wilbanks 21 March 1810 and the bondsmen appointed for her were John Wilbanks, William Wilbanks, with Hosea Holcombe." Not of any importance to the Bobo subject, but the widow of that David Smith remarried very quickly to Francis Fincher of Union County. (I have all the early Fincher data if you need any.) they went to Texas.

Due to one minor child having been Samuel Simpson, I considered he may have been the "Samuel Simpson" named in the 1813 will of Sarah Bobo. However, note there was no Sally, or "Sally Rochell," Simpson. At any rate, I'm convinced that Nancy Simpson (Mrs. Samuel) was the daughter of Sampson and Sarah Bobo, Sr. John Colbert must have died and Nancy remarried to Matthew Patton before 1818. I'm well aware of who he was, so well written into that area history as "The Scout." He was originally from Fishing Creek in present Chester County, but had moved over into what became Spartanburg County due to marriage. His first two wives were sisters, Moore girls from Walnut Grove Plantation. Here's something that will blow your mind. Dr. J.B.O. Landrum, in his History of Spartanburg County, mentioned Patton's third wife as "of Tory blood,... who mistreated him in old age". My good friend and cousin, Billy White of Rock Hill, one of the best historians in S.C., tackeled the problem a few years ago and proved she was Nancy Simpson, widow of Samuel. He wandered on out to Tennessee, where he died in 1837. I have more on him here somewhere if you want it. I've been meaning to write Billy for six months to learn if Nancy went with him and died there too. At any rate, I don't understand this Tory tale, because I've never heard of a Bobo that was a Tory. Billy had to move to Roanoke, Virginia, in December due to his mother's health, and I just hate to bother him. The Pattons were a very prominent family in what became Chester County and, in fact, bought land before 1769 from my progenitor, Hans Casper Culp, which is now Landsford State Park.

No, I'm not slapping your hands about Absalom Bobo's reputed divorce because I've never seen any of your work. Consequently, that remark was certainly not aimed at you, and I sincerely apologize if I offended you. One day, I'll learn to keep my foot out of my mouth! Someone, I've now forgotten who, years ago sent me that rumor about the divorce and said it was so mentioned in the will of Absalom Bobo. Knowing that divorce, as we now know it, was not possible in this state until 1868, and then only until 1878, then again in the 1940's, I sent for his will. (I just checked the divorce

law dates - they were 1868-1878, and I may have misinformed you in the previous letter.) It mentions nothing of the kind. I didn't get the estate papers. Someone later informed me they thought that divorce was possible at that time, but only by a special S.C. Legislature Act, and then only for adultery. I've never searched the Legislature minutes between 1800 and 1811. Anyway, there must be a reason someone came up with this divorce tale, so let's look further. If it's as simple that Ann (Musgrove) Bobo died and Absalom remarried, she would have died prior to 1811, the birth date of George W. Bobo, obviously a child of Mary, the second wife. To answer your question about Absalom Bobo's will stating "what he devises to wife Mary is to go to her two children at her death?" No, sorry, but it doesn't. I just reviewed the will again. He left land to wife Mary, then stated "I will...at the death of my wife Mary Bobo to my beloved son George W. Bobo the above named tract of land," and about the same wording for "my beloved daughter Aseneath..." I have no doubt those two children were Mary's, but the will doesn't so state. One word of caution here: the will copy I received was a WPA transcript and, as you know, certainly subject to error. I need to get his actual will and papers. I know you think I've been negligent in obtaining available Bobo documents, but you have to understand I research hundreds of families and have to draw a line somewhere. While on this particular Bobo subject, do you know if George W. Bobo was married, and what happened to Aseneath? Or, any of the birth dates for the four children other than Edward M. and George W. Bobo, which I have?

I'm now really confused about who the Mrs. Alom Bobo (1765-1860) was! I can't imagine! She couldn't have been Amy (Sims) Bobo because of her 1765 birth date. No woman born in 1765 could have a married granddaughter in 1807, referring to that deed signed by Absalom and Amy Bobo and witnessed by Larkin and Betsy (Powell) Gaines, her granddaughter. Those dates for Mrs. Alom Bobo come from Mrs. Ossie Whaley's Union County Tombstone book, which is riddled with date mistakes. Before I proceed further about Mrs. Alom Bobo, I'll have someone to check that tombstone.

I see I have confused you about land not being handled by the probate courts in this state. Testate or intestate, it isn't, but by the RMC office, or county court, directed by the county clerk of court. Certainly, as you mentioned, a person can devise land in a will, but it belongs to the devisee at the instant of the devisor's death, and is not under the direction of the probate court. It can create mass confusion, because no deeds are drawn for inherited land. Generations can pass and the descent has to be traced through the probate courts, then back to the county court last deed. My son fell victim to this. My maternal grandmother died in 1953, intestate, owning property, and her estate was not probated. My late mother, her daughter, bought out the share of her three siblings, obtaining a quit-claim, which was filed in the county court, then willed it to my son. When he sold the property a few years ago, he had a horrible time establishing that my aunts and uncle actually owned the land to sign a quit-claim. On my father's side, I gave away my share of some sixteen hundred acres a few years ago, a King's grant. It is still registered in the county court as a grant, none of it ever having been sold. There are probably hundreds of heirs for it and I got tired of paying "my share" of the taxes each year, so I quit-claimed whatever is my part to a cousin. Sounds crazy? Not at all. It would cost millions to trace all the living heirs.

Estate sales were used to raise cash money with which to settle debts, both in testate and intestate estates, if needed. If the deceased died intestate and had no debts, and if the heirs could agree on a property division, no sale was held. However, very few died with no debt and the sale was needed to satisfy the creditors, one reason a time credit was usually allowed.

That 1807 deed made by Absalom and Amy (Sims) Bobo makes absolutely no sense if they had only one child. I'm still suspicious they had at least another child and that deed was made to exclude him/her. There was a deed in Laurens County, "10/23/1819, Anne X Bobo widow to citizens a 2 a. square for a meeting house in center. To revert to her if not kept up. Wit: Jeremiah Warren, William Porter, John Wait." Who was she? One of Absalom and Amy Bobo's granddaughters, Rhoda Powell, married a Wait, Philip I think.

I knew that William Willis Bobo married Emeline Chandler, but I've never made any attempt to connect her to my Chandlers. The first Chandlers into Union County, about 1767, are confusing enough! My source of him being illegitimate is secondary. A corespondent once sent me some letters written by that Bobo branch in about 1850ish. No, I'm not aware of Jeremiah Bobo having a bush baby. Give me what you have with which to work and I know someone who might be able to help, Helen Smith of Augusta, Georgia, a real "general" expert on Spartanburg County, or my associate and cousin, Linda Stevens Crissinger, a professional researcher and native of Union, who lives just outside of Spartanburg at Inman and does most of our legwork for that area.

No, I've never heard of George H. Edwards, so don't have the Zachariah Edwards family history, although I'd love to have it. I pulled out my hair for years until I finally realized his wife, Nancy Bobo, was the daughter of Sampson and Sarah Bobo, Jr. I nearly went nuts with that one!

Now, for your last paragraph. Believe it or not, I can help you! Horace Rudisill, co-author of the book to which you referred, is a friend of mine. You might write him here. Director, Darlington County Historical Commision, Old Jail Museum, Darlington, S.C. 29532. However, Horace has had some recent medical problems and may not respond. Better yet, let me advise you of another way. The Baptist Historical Archives in Nashville list no records for Black Creek Baptist Church, but Furman University certainly does. Wrire them to see if the dates go back to 1813. The microfilm is available inter-library. Furman University, Library, Baptist Historical Collection, Greenville, S.C. 29613. Furman, my alma mater, is the Baptist historical repository for this state, and they certainly should have a biography of Rev. John Gilbert. Write them.

Let me mention a Gilbert that may interest you, although he may not have been of your Gilbert family. My progenitor was Reverend Robert Baylor Semple, the Virginia Baptist historian, who published Semple's History of the Rise and Progress of the Baptists in Virginia in 1810, still the accepted book of such. He mentioned Rev. Thomas Gilbert as the first pastor of Buffaloe Baptist Church, founded 1776 on the line of Halifax and Pittsylvania Counties, Roanoke Association, who didn't remain there long. There's no other mention of him in the book. What's interesting here is that Buffaloe was founded by Reverend Sam Harris. Sam Harris was instrumental in forming a number of South Carolina backcountry Baptist churches as early as the 1760's,

especially in the area of our interest. If you aren't aware of early South Carolina Baptist history, it is a fascinating subject. The "New Lights," as they were known, were vigorously prosecuted by the established Church of England in Virginia, and hundreds of them fled to the South Carolina backcountry, parts of which were then in North Carolina. I have solved many early South Carolina genealogical problems from Baptist history, the information available nowhere else.

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Now, I'm going to make some comments about your Sampson Bobo, Sr. and Jr., paper. First, and foremost, I applaud you for it. It is well done, readable, concise, and leaves little doubt concerning the presented facts. Also, it is very important because it clears up some previous misconceptions. GOOD JOB. I am, however, going to add some food for thought.

Let me start with William Wilder Bobo. I don't think he existed! Yes, I know Sarah Bobo named a "son William Wildder" in her 1813 will. I think he was her son-in-law, and which you've proved with that 1818 document naming all of the legatees of Sampson Bobo. Note carefully that he was named in it as William Wilder. There was a William Wilder that owned land adjacent to Sampson Bobo and he had a son named Burrell Wilder. I haven't had time to research the Wilders. I've seen hundreds of wills in which a son-in-law or daughter-in-law was named as a child, probably to show love and respect.

In 1873, Nehemiah Blackstock wrote Lyman C. Draper and said that William Blackstock, Jr., had married a Miss Bobo. We know absolutely that one of the daughters of that marriage, Jane Blackstock, married Arkillis K. Foster, a son of Anthony and Sarah (Golding) Foster, Sr. Arkillis and Jane (Blackstock) Foster had ten children, one of whom was Anthony E. Foster (1814-1885); another was Edmund Bobo Foster (1827- ?). Arkillis and Jane Foster kept a Bible and recorded the family names and dates into it, which Helen Ring Womack published in her book in photocopy form. One entry states "Jane Foster daughter of William and Mary* Blackstock was born July 11, 1794." If Nehemiah was correct that William Blackstock, Jr., married a "Miss Bobo," and I have no reason to doubt it, that means he married Mary Bobo, according to that Bible entry. However, there is room for doubt in that Bible entry, which I've called to Helen Womack's attention. That entry was "squinched" onto the bottom of the first page in a hand totally different from any of the other entries. Also, William Blackstock, Jr., was a son of William and Mary Blackstock, Sr., and the author of that "squinched" entry may have made a mistake in the generations, especially if done nearer to 1900. However, there is another entry I can't ignore. Anthony E. Foster, who married a Mary _____ in 1834 next had the Bible and he recorded "Simpson Bobo Foster was born 5th March 1835." And, "A.E. Foster's 1st son born died 9th of May 1835." I have never seen the Simpson name used in any Bobo line except that of Sampson and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo, Sr. However, to keep an open mind, and since we don't know the maiden name of A.E. Foster's wife, Mary, it's possible she may have been a descendant of Sampson and Sarah Bobo, Sr. (She might have been Mary Bobo, the daughter of Sampson Bobo, Jr, but she was a bit older than A.E. Foster.) To summarize, I'm sure that William Blackstock, Jr., did marry a "Miss Bobo." BUT, in one of Nehemiah's letters to Draper, he mentioned a "Sally" Blackstock as a daughter of William Blackstock, Sr., and in the next letter he corrected that, telling Draper that he was mistaken,

* my underlining

2 A.E. Foster 1814-1885; Mary Bobo, d/o Sampson Jr., was obviously born prior to 1806.

that Sally was actually a daughter-in-law! It is not illogical to think that Sampson and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo named a daughter as Sarah (Sally). Further, it's evident that the wife of William Blackstock, Jr., died very early in marriage, probably before Sarah (Simpson) Bobo made her 1813 will. It's also possible that William Blackstock, Jr., married a daughter of Spencer and Judith Bobo, Sr., or, grasping at straws, even a daughter of Absalom and Amy Bobo, who predeceased her parents. The main problem here is that the given name of Mrs. William Blackstock, Jr., has never been proved.

Grrrr. Will this Bobo confusion ever end? I'm waiting for the day when modern science develops a way to revive the dead, and when that happens I'm headed to Cross Anchor with a pick and shovel to get some answers!

That 1818 document you found is also the proof that Nancy Bobo, daughter of Sampson and Sarah, Sr., married Samuel Simpson! Remember, Billy White has proved that Matthew Patton married Nancy, widow of Samuel Simpson! The 1818 document proves that Nancy Patton was the daughter of Sampson Bobo, Sr. Like I've said, if A = B, and B = C, then A = C! Primary algebra applied to genealogy! (My renown old algebra professor* would be proud of me - actually, he'd probably have a heart attack knowing I applied his beloved algebra to genetic science - he was an associate and close friend to Albert Einstein.) I'll write Billy and get his proof. *Dr. Croxton Blackmore of the Moolah Prog

Absalom Bobo, son of Spencer and Judith: that 1818 document certainly suggests that he secondly married Mary Bobo, daughter of Sampson and Sarah Bobo, Sr. That, then, would mean that the wife of William Blackstock, Jr., was not Mary, but her sister. Maybe, as I said, Sally. Nehemiah Blackstock mentioned her as "Sally the Scout" during the Revolution. However, we have to be careful here due to so many Absaloms at that time. Absalom Sr. and Jr. named in that document are open to interpretation, although I agree with yours. I'd be willing to suspect that the wife of William Blackstock, Jr., a "Miss Bobo," may have been a daughter of Spencer and Judith (Foster) Bobo, but I just can't ignore the "Simpson" name used later in that line.

Oh, almost forgot. I have the records of New Hope Baptist Church coming from the Baptist Archives in Nashville, some 400 pages. Unfortunately, they date only from 1834. The earlier records were burned in 1909. I hope to find a lot of data that will be useful to us.

Also, and this is very important, note that in Sally Bobo's 1813 will she devised no land (I know she owned 620 acres), but mentioned "all the Residue and Remainder of my Estate of what nature or kind soever, I will that my executors do sell at twelve months credit and Equally divide...in Manner following Amongst my children and Grandchildren, whose names are underwritten - my son William Wildder - my son Spencer Bobo - my son Baram - my son Absalom - my son Chaney - my son Hiram - my son Jerimiah - my son Willis - my daughter Levina - my daugter Polly - my daughter Betsy - my five grandchildren above named; to have one part amongst them - And my daughter Nancy's two children (viz) Sally Rochell and Samuel Simpson Each to have a part..." That land was sold, which means that all those named heirs and their spouses had to sign the deed, even if bought by a family member. Do you know of such a deed? Note that she did not name Sampson (who was then deceased), but did his five orphans; nor did she name Burwell to share in the land, but left him $100, but why did she state "to my son Burwell, his Executors;

Administrators, and Assigns..." when he was still alive? He must have then, 1813, been very ill and near death. Unlike the court ordered sale of land in 1810 (see attached sheet), which needed no family signatures on the deed (because it was sold by the court), Sally Bobo's land did need the signatures of all the heirs and spouses to relinquish their share.

Can you tell me what happened to Sarah, the widow of Sampson Bobo, Jr.? I know she married Henry Freeman, but he died intestate in 1811.

Good Grief, I've just realized something! In scrolling through the screen in preparation of closing this letter, I've just realized who Willis Bobo, son of Sampson and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo, married! Your research shows his wife as a Delilah. Go back to page two of this letter and read the account of Samuel Simpson. His daughter, Delilah, married Willis Bobo! Those Union County Equity papers would prove it. If Nancy Bobo was the mother of all of Samuel Simpson's five children, then Willis married his niece! (Don't faint, because I've found that more than once.) However, it's quite possible that Samuel Simpson was previously married and Nancy was the mother of only "Sally Rochell and Samuel Simpson," named in Sally Bobo's 1813 will. It seems that Delilah was the oldest Simpson child, so could have been by a previous wife. Again, those Equity Court papers would define all of this. GOOD. This just goes to show what we can learn by sharing our knowledge!!!

Well, I have made another boo-boo, as usual. The Baptist Historical Archives does list Black Creek Baptist Church records. We just had a terrible storm to blow through and I unplugged everything. While waiting, I happened to pick up that index lying on my desk and found the reference, indexed incorrectly.

#1361 DOVESVILLE, Darlington, Black Creek B.C., 1798-1896, 342 pp. $13.68

That's a bargin! I assume that the old Blck Creek B.C. must now be named Dovesville B.C. Dovesville is a crossroads about five miles east of Society Hill.

Dovesville is now well known across the U.S. because it has the largest house of prostitution east of the Miss. River. The "town" probably has a population of 10! I used to own a business in Society Hill, an auto & tractor parts store.

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I think it's time to cease.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Stevens

P.S. I happened to recall I had that published Patton article by Billy White, and can give you the reference for Matthew Patton marrying Nancy Simpson. NA Pension File #S18153. Matthew was born 6/4/1758 Chester District, died 2/16/1837, Tennessee, a son of William and Jean Patton. He had only one child, William Patton, who married Sally Means of Union District, a sister to James K. Means. It's not known which wife was the mother of William

Patton, but one of the Moore sisters.

I received, this week, with no source cited, the following:

Louis (Lewis) Salmons (Sammons/Solomon), born 1776, married Elbert County, Georgia, Mary Bobo, born 11/11/1777. Their only known child was Burrel Salmons, born 10/15/1802, died 6/7/1892. Who was this Mary Bobo? Note the Burrel name.

Here's the reason I thought that the "Sally Rochell" named in Sally Bobo's 1813 will may have married a Rochell.

Spartanburg County, S.C., Deed Abstracts, by Pruitt.

p. 428, Book M, pp. 315-317, Sept. 4, 1810, - Isham Foster, sheriff (Sptg.) to Nathaniel Rochell (Union Dist.) for $160 sold 412 acres on waters of Tyger and Enoree Rivers; borders Foster, Bobo, Langston, Ligon, Harmoning; sale due to writ from Sptg. Common Pleas Court, suit Spencer Bobo vs. Sally Bobo and other heirs of Sampson Bobo desc.; Commissioners John Hobby, Nathaniel Langston, Isaac Crow, Sr., John Hughston, and Spencer Colbert to divide Sampson Bobo's land. Land was divided as follows: to Sally, widow of Sampson, 620 acres & remainder of land sold half on 12 months credit & half on 2 years credit, etc.

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A thought just slammed me between the eyes. What if "Sally Rochell" was the illegitimate daughter of Nancy (Bobo) Simpson before her marriage to Samuel Simpson, or even a child by a possible former marriage of Nancy's? That would account for her not being named in the Samuel Simpson estate! If true, that would mean Nancy bore only one Simpson child (young Samuel), meaning Old Samuel Simpson was previously married. That would further mean Willis Bobo's wife was not his niece. In legal documents, children are generally named in birth-order. Note that Samuel Simpson was named last in Willis Bobo's suit.

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Let's don't forget that Nancy (Bobo) Simpson remarried to John Colbert, who must have had some connection to this Spencer Colbert. This Spencer Colbert lived on Stillhouse Branch of Two Mile Creek, waters of Enoree River, in Spartanburg County, also where Absalom and Ann (Musgrove) Bobo once lived.

I have a fairly complete genealogy of the early Langstons, Ligons, and Harmonings in case you need any data.

Solomon Langston's daughter, Amy, married John Blackstock (d. 1785), who was another son of William and Mary (Irwin) Blackstock, Sr. Amy was a sister to the now famous "Dicey" Langston, later Springfield, the Revolutionary Scout. J.F. Harmoning, Sr., married Mary Berry, the sister to George Berry (who married Mary Musgrove). Harmoning, Sr., died about 1806 (without getting up to check), leaving two sons and a daughter, who married into the Farrows. Mary (Berry) Harmoning remarried quickly to Leonard Smith, a much older man who owned a mill on Sugar Creek, waters of Fairforest Creek, in Union County, and had a family of grown children. All the Smiths buried in Putnam B.C. there are his descendants. In fact, one of his sons, Levi, married a daughter of Lewis Bobo.

After printing, I see that I've made a few spelling typos. You'll have to forgive me because I "ain't gonna" print again. As I mentioned, I just don't "see" things on the monitor screen like I do in print. Being about blind might account for it (!), but I think it comes from my education having been long before computers came, even though I've been involved with them since 1963. I'm not really all that blind, just enough so that I can (last year) no longer drive, since 1993, which really puts a damper on my research. I've been retired since 1978 at age forty-three, and divorced my wife of twenty-four years in 1986. I'm doubly retired, from work and marriage!

It has never really "set well" with me that Spencer Bobo, a Baptist minister, actually sued his own mother over land!

I really believe that "Sally Rochell" was her married name, which, if true, would mean that "Samuel Simpson" (her brother) was referred to by his surname in Sally Bobo's 1813 Will. It "fits," & all we have to do now is prove it.

N.B. Illegitimate births were not uncommon in that area & time. Horrible, but true.

I just happened to think of something, re that 620 acres of land left by Sally Bobo. If it was sold, the deed had to be signed by each of the devisees for each to receive their respective share of the money. However, if there is no such signed deed on file, it could mean only one of two things:

1. The land was never sold and now belongs to all the living descendants of the original heirs. I highly doubt that!!

2. More likely, in the absence of a multi-signed deed, the heirs got into a squabble about the sale and it ended up in Spartanburg Equity Court! If that happened, the land would have been sold by the court at a sheriff's sale and the deed would be signed only by the sheriff. However, the Equity Court papers would contain the names of the heirs, their spouses, and etc. Most researchers not familiar with the laws and courts of both the Province and State of South Carolina just don't realize how valuable these Equity Court cases are because all the interested parties and spouses are named. I jump for joy when I find data that suggests heirs got into a squabble and headed to equity court! That, and when a death was of suspicious nature so I can dig into the coroner's inquests. I recall one case in the Mississippi Chancery Court that dragged on for so long that it had to be amended every generation to include the new descendants, and it was the way I established one of the Chandler and Musgrove lines. Then, there was the now famous Gaston (Lancaster County, S.C.) equity case in Tennessee that dragged on for nearly a century before some judge got wise and threw it out of court because it had become so confused. His legal reason? Because the original party had not made a will, so he said. He had made a will, about 1800, but General Sherman burned the probate court in Lancaster County in 1865! That blasted Sherman has caused me so much grief I'd be willing to start the Civil War again for the joy of burning him!

Are you familiar with the Reverend Morgan Edwards manuscript of 1772? If not, I have it here somewhere and it might add to your lines. He was a Baptist minister that came to South Carolina in 1772 to collect information with which to write a Baptist history, which he never did. That manuscript contains church member names usually not available elsewhere. Even Reverend Robert Baylor Semple drew on the Edwards material in Virginia. If you don't have it, I'd be glad to copy and furnish. HA, in Sabine's list of Loyalists, Reverend Morgan Edwards is the ONLY minister included! However, he didn't know about old Reverend Philip Mulkey, pastor of the Lower Fairforest B.C. in Union County, a Loyalist, who, with most of the congregation, also Loyalists, fled to Tennessee, then western North Carolina, during the Revolution. Also, are you aware that most of the congregation of Langston's B.C. in Laurens County picked up and went to Indiana in mass just after 1800? That's why many of those deeds in Sara Nash's book involve Indiana, including one of the Musgrove girls that married George R. Adair.

One more thing, then I'll shut off this machine. Have you researched Union County for your Roberts family? I now realize there were quite a few of them there, sometimes recorded as Robards, etc. Sometimes, when people ask me questions about surnames, as you did about the Roberts, I tend to forget until I give it thought, due to having researched literally hundreds of surnames in the area of our interest. Due to that, I run across thousands of names that I don't record, except in my memory for possible later use. The reason I don't use a computer in genealogy is because there is no program

that can come close to matching my memory. Linda Crissinger refers to my memory as my "genealogical computer," and weekly asks for a "print-out" about someone of the past.

Have you ever read Horse-Shoe Robinson? I doubt it will furnish you any data concerning any of your past families, but it does illustrate the time and place of them. And, is a very interesting tale that elevated Mary Musgrove to national fame. I'm including an article about it, which you might find interesting. I spent ten years in establishing the truth about the book, and, during that time when the word spread, I got hundreds of letters from around the United States asking "Was the book accurate?" I made all wait for the article, mainly because I, myself, didn't know the actual truth until 1993.

I started this letter about a week ago; just finished today 8/2/94

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Dear Melanie,

Please consider this a series of questions and answers.

I have a major problem with some of my data, extracted from Union County Cemeteries, by Mrs. E.D. Whaley, a book full of date mistakes, and now I discover she even made a mistake with a cemetery name. Her "Bethany" in Spartanburg County was Bethel in Woodruff, now the First Baptist Church of Woodruff. Her "Rebecca Bobo, died 1/19/1816, age 39, wife of Sampson Bobo" is incorrect. The correct inscription is "Rebecca Bobo, wife of Sampson Bobo, who departed this life on the 19th of Jan. 1846, aged 39 yrs., 4 mos., 9 days." She was Rebecca Woodruff, the daughter of Samuel Woodruff and his second wife, Nancy Pilgrim (d/o Amos Pilgrim). Sampson Bobo, born 5/1/1809, died 12/2/1884, Courtland, MS, was a son of Absalom and Ann (Musgrove) Bobo. Samuel Woodruff, a son of Nathaniel and Hannah Woodruff (from NJ), was first married to Phoebe Castleberry.

The children of Samuel and Nancy Woodruff:
1. Amos Woodruff, born 1801, died 1882, Lamar, TX, married Lavina Bobo, daughter of Absalom and Ann (Musgrove) Bobo.
2. Richard Samuel Woodruff, 10/26/1802, died 6/10/1871, married Marcery Alsay Terry, both buried Cedar Shoals B.C. Cemetery, Spartanburg County.
3. Rebecca Woodruff, as above.
4. Isaac Woodruff, twin to Rebecca, no information.
5. Gideon Woodruff, born 1810, died 6/22/1862 of measles in Confederate Army of MS, married Philadelphia Bobo, went to MS in 1839, was a minister. I don't yet know who Philadelphia was. Do you?

There's more: Absalom and Polly (Bobo) Bobo are not buried in the Bobo-Ducker Cemetery, but also in Bethel.

Daughter of Sampson and Rebecca (Woodruff) Bobo:

Alice Ascenath Bobo born Mar. 26, 1834, SC; died Jan. 19, 1918, Batesville, Panola County, Mississippi, married John B. Winn.

John B. Winn and Alice A. Bobo had a son;

John Benson Winn, born Apr. 15, 1856, SC, died May 28, 1897, Panola County, Mississippi, married Mar. 3, 1880, Martha Ann Deaton, born Feb. 14, 1862, Mississippi; died Jul. 25, 1935, Sumner, Mississippi.

John Benson Winn and Martha Ann Deaton had a son;

Thurman William Winn, born Jul. 5, 1888, Courtland, Panola County, Mississippi; died Dec. 14, 1950, Memphis, Tennessee. Married Mar. 17, 1914, Blanche Avery, born Mar. 28, 1892, Canton, Madison County, Mississippi. Blanche was the daughter of John Benson Avery and Katie Latimer Sanders.

Children of Amos and Levina (Bobo) Woodruff:

Sampson Woodruff, born 1824.
Isaac Woodruff, born 1826.
Angeline Woodruff, born 1827.
Pinckney Woodruff, born 1830.
Thomas P. Woodruff, born 1834.
George Woodruff, born 1837.
Judge Edward Bobo, born 1839.
Annlin Woodruff, born 1840.
Rebecca Woodruff, born 1845.
Beatrice Woodruff, born 1848.
James Woodruff, born 1850.
Permelia Woodruff, no date.

All of the above information came from Dot Phifer of Spartanburg and Edna Westmoreland of Woodruff, both Woodruff descendants and subject authorities. The cemetery data came from their visual obversations and from Spartanburg Cemetery Survey, Vol. II, published 1993 by Pinckney District Chapter of the S.C. Genealogical Society, all in response to Linda Crissinger's inquery of them at my request. Some of their data came from the Woodruff Chronicles, by C.N. Woodruff, a two volume work on the New Jersy Woodruffs. The Alice A. Bobo-John Winn information came from Delores A. Tillman, 2314 Duntreath Road, Germantown, TN 38138, a 1983 address, whom I've never contacted, sent to me recently by Helen Womack, obtained from another lady in CO. Mrs. Tillman spelled it as "Wynne," but it's spelled "Winn" in Spartanburg County records. I'm sure the latter is probably correct from the Winn family of Fairfield County, SC. [Winnsboro.]

For whatever it's worth, I once found a record in the 6/13/1786 Laurens County, SC, Court that George Berry (recorded as Barry) and Nancy Terry were cited for bastardy, the name of the infant not given. This George Berry married the renown Mary Musgrove at some unknown date, but right around this time. With all my years of searching, the earliest date I've ever found of their marriage is 1/3/1788 in Laurens County Deed Book B, page 393, when she was named as George's wife in a land sale to his brother, William Berry, Jr. Their father, William Berry, Sr., had died in 1783 and, under the S.C. laws of primogeniture (abolished in 1791), George, the oldest son, had inherited all of his father's land, this particular land having been a 1767 grant.

Returning to the subject of Absalom and Amy (Sims) Bobo of Laurens County having only one child, I assume you realize there were **two** Absaloms Bobo on the 1790 census of that county? Both were enumerated 1M +16, 1F, and 3 slaves, but their neighbors were completely different. I realize it could be argured it was a mistake of repetition, but it could also be argured it was correct and the family size only a coincidence. I've just realized how I can determine the accuracy of that from the 1776 jury lists, a book I've just discovered has been reprinted and I need. It'll take a month to get it, so let's sit tight on this subject until I get it. Of course, if there **were** two Absaloms, one might not have been of age to appear on that list in 1776 The family size indicates either a very old couple or a very young couple. The neighbors: Nicholas Vance, John Williamson, Daniel Fuller, Wm. Whitehead, John Pinson, Wm. McCord, **Absalom Bobo**, Wm. Simms, Wm. O'Conner,

Samuel Scott, M. Watson, Thos. Burns. The other: Drury Simms, Robert Simms, Moses Pinson, James Saxon, Charles Evans, Agatha Simms, Ann Hatcher, William Powell, John Hager, John Daniel, **Absalom Bobo**, Drury Cocker, James Downing, Letty Wear, John Lindley.

There **is** a court record that states Willis Bobo is illegitimate, which I'd forgotten I have. April 10, 1827, 30th day land lottery drawing, Gwinnett County, GA, "Willis Bobo (Illegitmate) Capt's Dist Caruthers 268-102." That is no absolute proof he was of the Spartanburg County family, but there's more. He was on other land draws of that time, along with a Spencer Bobo. He was also mentioned in an 1876 letter from John Spencer Bobo of Douglas County, GA, to Rev. Clark Berry Stewart of Laurens County, SC, cousins. "Willis Bobo was killed at the Battle of Chicamauga he was carried home before he died but only lived a day or so, and is buried in Chocolock valley Alabama Emaline his widow lives near there now is making out to live has raised a large family 2 had died Since grown one a girl had a family. Willis had been a deacon of the Baptist Church but I do not know what was his standing at the time of his death." John Spencer Bobo was a son of Tillman B. Bobo and Catherine King, with Tillman the son of Spencer and Nancy (Berry) Bobo, Jr. of Laurens County, SC. Rev. Clark Berry Stewart was a son of Walter Stewart and Isabel Bobo, who was a sister to Tillman B. Bobo. I also have a letter copy of recent times from a member of that Willis Bobo line giving many details, but not that he was illegitimate, although the author of the letter was informed about his birth in the reply.

Let's hop back to the Simpson subject a second. There was a family of Simpsons that lived in and near the town of Laurens, who became involved in state politics (one was Gov.), but they came directly from Ireland and I doubt they had any connection to Sarah (Simpson) Bobo or Samuel Simpson. [I do believe the latter two were related in some manner.] There was a Tillman Simpson that married Zithlon Murphy, a daughter of Simon and Sally (Dukes) Murphy, that had come from Virginia to Cross Keys in Union County, seemingly along with the Bobos. I don't know the birth date for Zithlon, but her second older sister was born in 1769. Zithlon's sister, Mary Ann Murphy, married Kindred Bobo, a son of Lewis and Sarah (Solomon) Bobo. Another sister, Delila Murphy, married Ralph Jackson and they were the progenitors of Dr. J.B.O. Landrum.

The eminent Newberry County historian, Judge John B. O'Neall, wrote that, as a boy in 1796, he witnessed the body of Col. Philemon Waters being carried home when it crossed the Bush River at "Bobo's Mill." Since Col. Waters died at Newberry Courthouse, and lived just where the Bush River entered the Saluda River, that mill would have been between Newberry and the Saluda River on the Bush. Do you know of any Bobo owning a mill in southern Newberry County before 1800? If you don't, I'm going to find out.

There is a Spartanburg County deed abstract, Deed Book R, pp. 224-225, 4/18/1818, Spencer Bobo to Bord W. Waters...on Sandy Fork Road below New Hope Meeting House, etc. ..., 3 acres excepted around New Hope Meeting House including spring and Burial Ground...dower renounced 11/5/1818 by Rachel Bobo. Who was this Spencer Bobo with a wife Rachel? If this deed was abstracted correctly, he could have been a son of Spencer and Nancy (Berry) Bobo, Jr. He could have been Spencer Bobo, Jr., himself, remarried to a Rachel. I just checked the records of Rev. Clark Berry Stewart, who wrote

"Bobo, Spencer, my Mother's Father, was a Methodist in faith; He moved to Gwinnett County, Georgia." Note that he didn't mention his grandmother, Nancy (Berry) Bobo, who may have died in Laurens County, SC. There is an 1837 deed in Gwinnett County whereby John Baker and Martha Bobo, executors of Spencer Bobo, sold land to a Hiram Pittman, witnessed by Pleasant H. Turner and James Stewart, both names associated with the Spencer Bobo/Nancy Berry family. To my knowledge, nobody has ever identified him. The problem here is that the Gwinnett County courthouse burned in 1880. Some people brought in their deeds for re-recording, the above one of them in 1883.

There is another deed in Spartanburg County, Book S, pp. 197-9, 7/10/1821. Thomas Gore to William Martindale, for $660, sold 200 acres, 1 acre excepted as burying ground for Bobo family; borders SW J. Red [Redd] and Livingston Bobo, SE J.P. Harmoning, NE Thomas Gore, NW William Wilder, between Enoree and Tyger River and on Cedar Shoal and Speargin's Creeks. This does not sound like New Hope Baptist Church, not only because of adjacent land owners, but because of the above 1818 deed. Note that Spencer Bobo to Bord W. [Bordwine] Waters, 1818, referred to it as "New Hope," whereas this last deed, 1821, referred to it as the "burying ground for Bobo family."

I think I may have found who Mary Bobo, daughter of Sampson and Sarah (Edwards) Bobo, Jr., married. Are you familiar with the books, Marriages Implied in Probate Records, compiled by Barbara Langdon of Aiken, S.C.? She's done them on Chester, York, Lancaster, and Fairfield Counties, and her latest one is on Spartanburg County, published 1992. These books are a God-send to genealogists. For your records, in case you don't have the book, I'll include all the Bobo names she lists, including the above Mary. The dates are not absolute, but what was contained in the probate file, or date of will. Other spellings of names or initials found in the file are contained in parentheses.

MAN	WOMAN	FILE	DATE
Bobo, _____	Emma J. Drummond	1557	1868
(d/o Jared Drummond, who died Oct. 1874.)			
Bobo, _____	Jane Farrow	848*	1824
Bobo, _____	S. Janey Hill	2685	1882
(There are two files with the same number.)			
Bobo, _____	Sarah Jane (Janie) Hill	1994	1877
(d/o Hilliard Hill.)			
Bobo, _____	Elizabeth Hobby	1146	1837
(d/o Zachariah Hobby.)			
Bobo, _____	Elizabeth T. Pearson	2862	1870
Bobo, _____	Marey (Polly) Rainwater	1668	1840
(d/o Miles Rainwater.)			
Bobo, A.P.	Elizabeth Hobby	2988	1860
Bobo, Absalom	Elizabeth Fowler	2330	1843
Bobo, Absalom	Elizabeth Fowler	951	1849
Bobo, Burrel (Burnel) (C.B.)	Louisa (Lue) K. Drummond	2569	1859
Bobo, R.M.	Peratine A. Gordon	2495	1866
(d/o A.G.W. Gordon who died 12/24/1865.)			
Bobo, Sampson	_____ Pearson	853	1850
Bobo, Sampson	Elizabeth T. Pearson	330	1850
Bobo, Sampson	Rebecca Woodruff	2777	1835
(d/o Samuel Woodruff.)			

WOMAN	MAN	FILE	DATE
Bobo, Ascenath	_____ Winn	2777	n.d.
Bobo, Elizabeth F.	_____ McClintock	763	1851
(d/o Sampson Bobo.)			
Bobo, Jane	_____ Dean	442	1842
(d/o Absalom Bobo)			
Bobo, Lavina	_____ Woodruff	442	1842
(d/o Absalom Bobo.)			
Bobo, Lucinda K.	_____ Knight	1223	1869
(widow of C. Burwell Bobo.)			
Bobo, Mary Ann	William A.Todd	2777	1856
(d/o Sampson Bobo)			
Bobo, Nancy	Col. Z. Edwards	763	1851
(d/o Sampson Bobo) (To Cass Co., Ga.)			
Bobo, Nancy	Zachariah Edwards	457	1818
Bobo, Nancy	_____ Kensler	2777	n.d.
(d/o Sampson Bobo.)			
Bobo, Nancy	_____ Simpson	496*	1813
Bobo, Rhody	_____ Hobby	414	1830
(d/o Burrell Bobo.)			
Bobo, Sara	Daniel Woodruff	2278*	n.d.
(letter dated 1959)			
Bobo, Sarah (widow?)	_____ Freeman	763	1851
Bobo, Sarah	Daniel Woodruff	457	1822

* oversizeed file

One of the advantages to the above is to group possible siblings by file number. Note that Mary Ann Bobo married William A. Todd in file 2777. The other Bobos listed in file 2777 were obviously children of Sampson and Sarah (Edwards) Bobo, Jr. Note, also, the Nancy Bobo of that file that married _____Kensler. She must have been the widow of Zachariah Edwards? Dr. J.B.O. Landrum wrote that Col. Zachary Edwards married Nancy Bobo and they later went to Cass County, Georgia, when their son, Oliver Evens Edwards, born 11/9/1819, was about ten or twelve years old. He further wrote that when O.E. Edwards reached manhood, he returned to Spartanburg County to attend the Rev. Clough Beard school at Glenn's Springs, living in the home of Gen. B.B. Foster (this was Barrum Bobo Foster, son of Anthony Foster, Jr. and Elizabeth Bobo, daughter of Sampson and Sarah Simpson Bobo); and that in about 1848-9, O.E. Edwards began the study of law under Simpson Bobo. Col. Edwards was killed at Chancellorsville during the war. I have long wondered why O.E. Edwards returned to Spartanburg County. Could it have been because his father had died in Georgia, and his mother also returned? If so, that might account for that Nancy Bobo-Kensler marriage. Dr. Landrum also stated that O.E. Edwards married, on 1/23/1851, R. Jane Gary, daughter of Dr. Charles and Mary Gary of Laurens County, who was still alive about 1900, married to Dr. J.J. Boyd of Spartanburg. He mentioned no Edwards children.

I descend from the Edwards family of Virginia to Chester County, S.C., but have never discovered any kinship between them and the Edwards of Spartanburg County. However, there was an intriguing situation involved. I'm sure you know of Prof. William "Singing Billy" Walker of Spartanburg, who shared the same Murphy and Jackson progenitors as Dr. J.B.O. Landrum, all related to

the Bobos through marriage. My great-grandfather, Capt. W.H. Edwards of Chester County, was a close friend of the older Singing Billy Walker, and even called him "Cousin Billy." I've finally arrived at the conclusion it was a term of respect, Capt. Edwards a song leader in churches and using Prof. Walker's Southern Harmony songbook. In fact, Capt. Edwards carried one of the first editions of that book throughout the war, using it to lead his troops in song on evenings before the great battles to calm them. The book eventually came to me. When I discovered there are only three known first editions of that book extant, mine included, I donated it to the Union County Museum, the county of Prof. Walker's birth. The other two are owned by the Spartanburg County Library and Clemson University. I doubt you are familiar with it, but it was about Capt. Edwards that I wrote the trilogy of books, Captain Bill.

Are you familiar with the name Boardwine Roberts in Laurens County? If so, do you know the identity of his parents? The origin of that name was in the Waters family that came from Virginia to South Carolina before the Revolution, specifically the children of Philemon and Sarah (Bordroyne) Waters of Prince William County. The name became Boardwine, Bordwine, and Bordywine in South Carolina in that same first generation. I've never found that name outside of the general Waters family.

The South Carolina Huguenot Society has published the Bobo article by Bryan Scott Johnson. If you don't have it, I'll copy and send. Let me know because Johnson did an impressive job with the Virginia and North Carolina segments, supported by many primary records. However, in the South Carolina segment he switched to secondary source information and fell flat on his face with mostly mistakes of generations and confusion of names. That part of the article is absolutely worthless.

I've been adding to this letter for weeks, delaying sending it until I heard from you. I'm mailing it, hoping some of the information will be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Bob Stevens 9/6/94

Robert J. Stevens

SPENCER BOBO

Laurens County, S.C.

1790....1 M+16; 4 M-16; 4 F; no slaves.
1800....1 M 0-10; 2 M 16-26; 1 M 26-45; 2 F 10-16; 1 F 16-26; 5 slaves.
1810....1 M 45+; 2 F 16-26; 1 F 26-45; 2 slaves.

This was Spencer Bobo, Jr., son of Spencer and Judith (Foster) Bobo, Sr., who had married Nancy Berry. In 1790, he was living six doors from his brothers-in-law, William and George Berry. The 1790 census suggests he then had seven children. If they were spread by two years each, the first was born about 1777-1778, suggesting he married ca. 1776.

Spartanburg County, S.C.

1790....4 M+16; 0 M-16; 7 F; no slaves. This had to be Spencer and Judith (Foster) Bobo, Sr., with children Absalom (proven), Levingston (suspected), and others still living at home. Careful here, because at the age of Spencer and Judith at the time, some of those people could have been sons or daughters-in-law and grandchildren. They were then living two doors from William Blackstock, Jr. I don't think Absalom married Ann Musgrove until about 1792.

1790....1 M+16; 0 M-16; 2 F; no slaves. This had to be Rev. Spencer Bobo, son of Sampson and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo, Sr., who had married Jane Farrow earlier that year. I have no idea who the other female was. Since ministers were the usual persons of that day to temporarily take in orphans, she could have been anyone. They were then living six doors from his parents, five from his brother Burwell (who lived next door to his parents), and five from her mother, Rosannah Farrow.

I think these enumerations highly suggest that William Blackstock, Jr., who married a "Miss Bobo," must have married a daughter of Spencer and Judith (Foster) Bobo, Sr. All the daughters of his brothers (Lewis Bobo; Sampson Bobo, Sr.; Absalom Bobo, Sr.) are accounted for.

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Dear Mr. Johnson;

I have great reservations about writing this letter because I'm not in the habit of correcting the published genealogical work of others. However, your recent Bobo article contains serious mistakes, not of your fault, that need to be addressed. Published "facts" have a way of becoming gospel, especially when written by authors of your impressive academic credentials. I do hope you'll take no offense to this letter, as none is intended, but will accept it academically. I also hope you will publish an addendum of correction.

The article displays your great research efforts, and it is well presented. The Virginia segment is absolutely correct, which you have supported with primary documentation, making it very impressive. Unfortunately, the South Carolina segment contains many mistakes, only because you switched to relying on secondary published information, much of which is erroneous. In particular, that Newell Bobo Cousins by the Dozens missile should never have been published. Not only is it inaccurate, but it contains at least three completely false references to deeds and estates that never existed in Spartanburg and Union Counties, South Carolina. Any reference to it in your article cannot be accepted due to "the fruit of the poison tree." There are also some mistakes in The McKissicks of South Carolina, but certainly unintentional. Nell S. Graydon was a good friend of my late mother, and her integrity certainly beyond reproach.

I'm going to list the errata in your article, with the documentation, but only because you so requested in your **"AUTHOR'S NOTE."** In keeping with your format, I'll use the Bobo generation numbers you assigned: Gabriel (1); Spencer, Sr. (2); Gabriel (3), Mary Elizabeth (3), Absalom (3), Sampson (3), Spencer, Jr. (3), and Lewis (3). The other various named Bobos, I will also designate by generation number.

Please keep one very important fact in mind. When Spencer Bobo, Jr. (3) came to South Carolina, he apparently had a son, Spencer Bobo (4). Spencer, Jr. (3) then assumed the title of Sr., and his son, Spencer (4), became Jr. This is the one fact that has confused so many Bobo researchers. In a later paragraph, I'll present the proof that his title of "Jr." in Virginia became "Sr." in South Carolina.

Let me first address your text concerning Absalom Bobo (3). You wrote "His first purchase of land must have occurred before 1791, when he sold (for 30 pounds sterling) 250 acres in Laurens County, South Carolina, to John Frederick Harmoning situated 'on the draught of Cedar Shoal Creek, the waters of Enoree River, and bounding N.E. on Sampson Bobo ' (3)." This was not

Laurens County land. Cedar Shoals Creek is in Spartanburg County on the north side of the Enoree River, emptying into the Enoree directly across from Musgrove's Mill in Laurens County, the river the dividing line between the two counties. Therefore, this was a Spartanburg County deed for land in that county. The deed is in Spartanburg County Deed Book C, pages 25-27, 10 December 1791, originally granted to Joseph Kershaw 19 August 1774, and eventually sold to John Frederick Harmoning "(Laurens County)" by Absalom Bobo "(Spartanburg County)" in 1791. This was Absalom Bobo (4), the son of Spencer Bobo (3). Absalom Bobo (3) never owned land in Spartanburg County, only in Laurens County. The proof that Absalom (4) was the son of Spencer (3) is in Spartanburg County Deed Book C, pages 35-36, 6 May 1792, whereby "Spencer Bobo, **Sr.** [3] and wife Judah" sold to "their son Absalom Bobo" (4). The deed further states the trail of ownership whereby John "McCullock" [McCullough] sold it to Spencer Bobo (3). That deed is in Deed Book B, pages 35-38, John McCullock of Charleston to Spencer Bobo, **Jr.** (3). Note he was "Jr." in this deed and "Sr." in the other. Further proof is in Deed Book E, page 7-8, 16 February 1796, "Absalom Bobo [4] and wife Ann" (Musgrove) Bobo refer to "my father Spencer Bobo, Sr....my plantation whereon my father now lives...part of land purchased by my father from John McCullock April 5, 1786."

Next, refer to the children you have listed for Sampson Bobo (3), specifically #2, Absalom Bobo (4), whom you show as having been married three times. He wasn't. You have confused Absaloms (4), first cousins. Absalom (4), the son of Sampson (3), was born circa 1784 and died 1831, Clairborne County, Mississippi, after having married Agnes G. Hawkins in Christian County, Kentucky, in 1806. On 23 December 1806, Absalom Bobo drew a deed in Kentucky and sold to his brother Hiram Bobo (4) "all his right title, interest claim and demand in and unto the Estate of my Father Sampson Bobo late of the said County of Spartanburgh Deceased which I as one of the heirs of the said Sampsons deceased, could or would have a right to claim and which may fall to my share out of the said Estate as such, hereby giving to the said Hiram Bobo full and adequate in law or Equity..." The Absalom (4) you list as a son of Sampson Bobo (3) was actually a son of Spencer Bobo (3), and was married only twice, not three times. He first married Ann Musgrove, proven by his Spartanburg County will of 1842 in which he names son Dr. E.M. Bobo (5) (Edward Musgrove Bobo) and the 1848 Laurens County will of William Musgrove, who left Musgrove's Mill to "my nephew," Dr. Edward Bobo (5). William Musgrove (1782-1848) was the only full brother to Ann Musgrove, fully established in that 1848 will and the 1790 Laurens County will of Edward Musgrove, their father. Absalom (4) and Ann (Musgrove) Bobo had four children. He then married, circa 1810, Mary Bobo (4), his first cousin and daughter of Sampson Bobo (3), and had two more children. This last marriage is proven by Spartanburg County Journal of the Ordinary, 31 October 1818, page 24, whereby Chaney Bobo (4), the executor of his mother, Sally Bobo (3), listed advancements made to the legatees of her husband, Sampson (3), fourteen total, including Absalom Bobo, Sr. and Absalom Bobo, Jr. Absalom, Sr. was, of course, Absalom (4), a son of Spencer (3) and Judith Bobo, and was named as a legatee of Sampson (3) because he was a son-in-law; and Absalom, Jr. was a son of Sampson (3) and Sally Bobo. Further, when Absalom (4), son of Spencer (3) made his 1842 will, he named his wife as Mary. She is buried beside him in Spartanburg County, both of their graves marked by names and dates, he predeceasing her, thus proving he was married to her at the time of his death. The Nancy Ann "Crosby" you list as Absalom's (4)

third wife was actually the third wife of Edward Musgrove, and the mother of Ann (Musgrove) Bobo. However, I doubt she was a Crosby. I have done more South Carolina Musgrove research than anyone now alive and can state, most emphatically, there is no known proof of who she was. There have been guesses of Adair, Shaw, Crosby, and Davis, but none established. The Crosby name came from Edward Musgrove naming Thomas Crosby of the Broad River (Fish Dam Ford, Chester County) as a co-executor in his estate, lending suspicion that he was Ann's brother. The other guessed surnames for Ann came from the book Horse-Shoe Robinson, by John P. Kennedy, published 1835, which was a historical novel. Too many past prominent historical authors blindly accepted it as fact, so I analyzed it and published an article of truth, well documented, in the Chester District Genealogical Society Bulletin, December 1993, entitled "Horse Shoe Robinson Revisited." By the words of Horseshoe Robinson himself, the book was mostly pure fiction.

The above Kentucky information concerning Absalom Bobo (4), son of Sampson (3) and Sarah Bobo, was supplied to me by Ms. Melanie Nolan, 19907 Pinehurst Trail Drive, Humble, Texas 77346, a very competent Bobo family researcher, who has established the spousal names of all of the children of Sampson (3) and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo.

Additionally, Absalom Bobo (4), son of Spencer (3), did not marry Ann Musgrove on 1 August 1790 as presented in your article. It was sometime in 1792 or later, the date not established. In the will of Edward Musgrove, written on 25 August 1790, he noted only two daughters, Mary and Rebecca, as married, both of them much older than Ann, their half-sister. The first record I've ever found of Absalom being married to Ann is in the above 1796 deed. Please note that in the 1791 deed from Absalom Bobo (4) to J.F. Harmoning there is no dower inclusion, indicating he was not then married.

Spencer Bobo (3), whom you show as married to Nancy Berry, you've confused with his son. The Spencer (4) that married Nancy Berry was obviously a son of Spencer (3) and Judith Bobo, although I've yet to find the documentation. He was a much younger man than Spencer (3). The proof that he married Nancy Berry is in the 1804 Laurens County intestate account of her brother, William Berry, Jr., administered by another brother, George Berry, who married the renown Mary Musgrove. Further proof of this Spencer Bobo (4) and Nancy Berry line is in the journals and letters of their grandson, Reverend Clark Berry Stewart (1813-1890), WPA Project 165-33-7172, Manuscript Collection, Caroliniana Library. This Spencer Bobo (4) went to Gwinnett County, Georgia, in 1824 and died there at some unknown date. (I am informed that the Gwinnett County courthouse burned in 1842, again in 1880, and all records were destroyed.) It is suspected that Spencer (4) and Nancy may have had up to seven children (based on the 1790 census of Laurens County), but only three have been proved so far. They were Isabel (5) (?->1843), who married Walter Stewart (1755-1825) (a much older man) circa 1812 in Laurens County as his second wife, then Henry Turner in Gwinnett County; Ann Bobo (5) (?-1867), who married Henry Campbell (?-1869); and Tillman B. Bobo (5) (1790-1868), who married Catherine King, the latter two spouses born in Laurens County. The proof of these three children and their marriages is very involved, established by Mrs. Mary S. Rawlinson, 6336 Briarwood Road, Columbia, SC 29206, whom you might contact for information if you desire.

Due to the above paragraph, you'll note that you have mis-assigned some

children to the couple you list as "Spencer Bobo, Jr (3)" and Nancy Berry, actually Spencer Bobo (4).

Most of the records for the above Spencer Bobo (4) are in Laurens County, where he moved when he married Nancy Berry, probably before or during the Revolution, although they did live briefly in Spartanburg County. Nancy Berry's sister, Mary Berry, married John Frederick Harmoning, who died about 1806 at Cross Anchor, after which she married Leonard Smith, a much older man who owned a mill on Sugar Creek, a branch of Fairforest Creek, in Union County. Levi Smith, Leonard Smith's son by his first wife, Nancy Ann Littlefield, married Patty Bobo (4), a daughter of Lewis (3) and Sarah Bobo of Union County. The proof of that is presented in the Union County intestate papers of Leonard Smith; a summons dated 29 August 1829 contained in the estate papers of Lucy Littlefield, Box 17, Package 6, Union County; and in the 1806 Lewis Bobo (3) will, Union County Will Book A, pages 139-140, 7 March 1808.

The Judith that was married to Spencer Bobo (3) in Virginia and came to Cross Anchor was supposedly a Foster, a daughter of John and Isabel (Golding) Foster, probably the reason Spencer Bobo, Jr. (4) named a daughter as Isabel. To date, I've found no proof Judith was a Foster, but the circumstantial evidence is overwhelming. Her supposed brother, Anthony Foster, married to Sarah Golding as his second wife, came to Cross Anchor circa 1792, then an elderly couple. Their son, Anthony Foster, Jr., married Elizabeth Bobo (4), daughter of Sampson (3) and Sarah Bobo. Another son, Arkillis K. Foster, married Jane Blackstock, whose mother was supposedly a Bobo, the wife of William Blackstock, Jr., of Cross Anchor. That Mrs. William (Bobo) Blackstock, Jr., so stated as a "Miss Bobo" in an 1873 letter to Lyman Copeland Draper by Nehemiah Blackstock, is an enigma and eludes me. She must have been a daughter of Spencer (3) and Judith Bobo, but I can't find the proof. The Bible of Arkillis K. Foster, who went to Gwinnett County, Georgia, lists her as (Mrs.) Mary Blackstock. I have just completed a Blackstock article that will soon be published. I'll be glad to furnish you a copy of that after publication.

In my own family, due to published misinformation, it has long been accepted that the Absalom Bobo (4) who married Ann Musgrove was a son of Sampson (3) and Sarah Bobo, as your article presented, until I discovered the truth a few years ago. One of the more interesting histories in this line involves the daughter of Dr. Edward Musgrove Bobo (5), Susan Jane (6), who married, in 1849, Richard A. Springs of Springsteen Village, Rock Hill, South Carolina, a son of one of York District's oldest and wealthiest families. Arriving in Rock Hill, she found no Methodist church. In 1856, using the Springs financial resources, she established the first Methodist church there and became known as the "Mother of Methodism" in Rock Hill. A very good history of this is presented in the booklet Early Methodism in Rock Hill, South Carolina, 1856-1881, by my close friend and cousin, William Boyce White, Jr., published 1989. (U.S.C. alumnus.)

I might add that two of my associates, who are aware of my years of Bobo family research, recently informed me of your name and location and of your intention to do a Bobo article. I toyed with the idea of contacting you, but decided against it for two reasons. First, I didn't want to contaminate your research with mine; and, secondly, I wanted to see what you'd present

in comparison.

I certainly hope I haven't offended you with this letter, as that absolutely is not my intention. I'm nearing sixty years and, God knows, I've made my share of published mistakes. I foresee great things in the future for you in the history community, apparent from your article, but I wanted to warn you about using secondary source material. I have a Golden Rule about such, akin to what I once heard an old time carpenter say, "Measure twice and cut once," meaning to be sure before you act; applied to historical research, also meaning to cautiously use secondary source material as only a guideline and prove it, if possible, before using it as a reference.

In conclusion, I applaud you for having the courage to write about the Bobos, the most confusing, complicated, and maddening family in South Carolina. If this article was your "first time out of the chute," you sure picked a doozey! I've been pursuing them for ten years and still lack much. If I can ever be of help to you with the Bobos, or other families of that general area, please don't hesitate to ask. My files are yours. The best of luck to you, and I look forward to reading your future work. Lastly, if you elect to respond to this letter, I'd appreciate learning how you descend from the Bobo family, a subject that fascinates me.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Stevens

Letter from Mrs. Edna Westmoreland, Woodruff, S.C., dated 9/17/94.

Dear Bob Stevens,

Yes, I think I can help you. First, Gideon P. Woodruff's wife was called "Delphia" and I want to think she is of Livingston Bobo family. I see where in October 8, 1827 he was one of the administrators of Livingston Bobo's will. However I have never found her name anywhere except in some of Woodruff records that state Gideon Woodruff married Delphia Bobo.

Second, Mrs. Whaley did make a lot of mistakes. There was no grave marked, Mrs. Alom Bobo in Bethel Cemetery. I have been over this cemetery many times and I know the history of most of the people buried there.

I went back today, took flour and rubbed the three stones and I have the answer to your puzzle. The flour brought the inscriptions out very plain, so see next page.

A tall slab reads "In Memory of Absalom Bobo, who was born in March 1765 and died Dec. 15, 1846." Next to this one is another slab broken in half, but I laid it down and the flour brought out this: "In Memory of Polly Bobo, who was born May 25th, 1773 and died Nov. 10th 1857." (She was Mary Ann "Polly" Musgrove) see back of page. Next to her is the slab that once was top of a crypt, it reads "In Memory of George W. Bobo, who died 20th August 1848 in the 37th year of his age" also states he was a husband and father.

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George W. Bobo married Permelia F. Todd and after his death she married a Mr. Hartsfield and removed to Panola, Miss.

Somebody is mixed up about Absalom and Ann being separated. I have them as parents of six children, viz. Dr. Edward Musgrove Bobo, George W. Bobo, Jane Bobo, Aseneath Bobo, Levinia Bobo, Sampson Bobo.

A descendant of the son, Sampson Bobo, one Lloyd Wells, wrote that her name was Mary Ann "Polly" Musgrove!!

Was her father Edward Musgrove?

Yes, I am interested in your mother's family and now see next page.

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Mrs. Allie Johnson was: Annie Frank Roebuck, born 4/6/1905, a daughter of Charles Homer Roebuck, whose mother was Cyrena Woodruff, a sister of Professor Frank Woodruff. Cyrena married John P. Roebuck. Annie Frank married on 5/25/1925 Allie Elias Johnson and they lived and died in Moncks Corner. Were parents of a son and daughter.

Now it is 11:15 P.M. and I must get to bed. I can show you much more than I can write, so you must come see for yourself. Darlington isn't that far away. I'm 76 and don't put off the visit too long as I would like to know more about Musgroves before I leave this world. I have always been intrigued

by that name. I like to share my records and you can bring me some Musgroves and Waters!

My phone 803-476-3370, reach me best after dark.

Love you and good night.

Edna Westmoreland.

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Comments by RJS.

I've replied and thanked her. Also included a brief history of the Waters and Musgroves. Were everyone like her, this world would be a better place to live.

I also explained to her about Absalom's two marriages and the two sets of children.

Also, I now know there is no "Mrs. Alom Bobo" stone anywhere. In a correspondence with Mrs. Ossie Whaley, it's obvious her "Mrs. Alom Bobo" published record was actually the stone for Absalom Bobo--in her hurried notes, she abbreviated his name, copied the death date incorrectly, and later assigned the "Mrs." from her confused notes.

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******MAILED******
9/11/94

Mrs. J.W. Westmoreland
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Dear Mrs. Westmoreland,

I hope you will forgive an unsolicited letter, but you were referred to me by Linda S. Crissinger of Inman as the Woodruff family authority. I have some family sheets sent by Linda she obtained from Dot Phifer that you did at some unknown date. These are on Samuel Woodruff (1763-1836) and his two wives, Jennet Woodruff and Nancy Pilgrim.

I'm most interested in the identity of Philadelphia Bobo, who married Rev. Gideon Woodruff (1810-1862). Do you have any idea who she was? I know, of course, that his siblings, Amos and Rebecca, married, respectively, Lavinah and Sampson Bobo, children of Absalom and Ann (Musgrove) Bobo.

I hate to get greedy and impose on you with too many questions, but I have another puzzle with which you might help. Mrs. E.D. Whaley of Union published the book, Union County Cemeteries. In it she lists a Bethany Cemetery, which is actually Old Bethel Cemetery in Woodruff. She shows a "Mrs. Alom Bobo, 3/17/1765-12/1/1860" as buried there, but other persons know nothing of that grave. In a recent inquiry to Mrs. Whaley, she told me her original notes show that grave in Bethel. That stone, if it exists, might be the answer to an age old mystery about what happened to Ann (Musgrove) Bobo, if the death date is incorrect. Unfortunately, Mrs. Whaley made a number of date mistakes, including the death dates for both Absalom Bobo and Rebecca (Woodruff) Bobo, having recorded "1846" as "1816." Have you ever noticed a "Mrs. Alom Bobo" stone in Bethel? I suppose you know that there has long been a rumor that Absalom Bobo divorced Ann Musgrove and married his first cousin, Mary Bobo, a daughter of Sampson and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo. I can document that he did marry that particular Mary Bobo circa 1810, but divorce, as we know it, was not possible at that time in South Carolina, and I can find no record of such after ten years of searching, even in Georgia. The George W. Bobo (1811-1848) buried in Bethel was a son of the second wife, Mary, although I've yet to discover who George married. There was one more child by Mary, a daughter named Asenceth, about whom I know nothing.

My interest in these people is because I descend from the Musgroves and Waters of your area, making me related to just about all the old families of there.

You might be interested to know that my late mother, born in Greenville, but spent all of her married life at Pinopolis, Berkeley County, had a life long friend in Moncks Corner, Mrs. Allie Johnson. For the life of me, I can't recall Mrs. Johnson's given or maiden name, but she was from Spartanburg County. I note in my mother's copy of Dr. J.B.O. Landrum's book, under the Westmoreland section, Mother underlined the name of Professor F.B. Woodruff and noted "Mrs. Johnson's father's uncle." Mother graduated from the Spartan

Academy in 1916 and may have known Mrs. Johnson from there as a young girl. Somewhere here I have a group picture of that class.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely,

Robert J. Stevens

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Melanie Nolan
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Dear Melanie,

Your stuffed envelope arrived. Thank you. It prompted a ten page reply, but after reading it over I discovered I had entered the world of theories, wondering, speculation, and mystic ponderings concerning some aspects of Samuel Simpson. I don't like to guess, especially when the facts are available, so I edited much of my original letter. I'll get all his estate papers. Since the estate was still in execution when Willis Bobo sued, all the answers might be there. If not, I'll then get the equity suit. As you'll learn shortly, Willis Bobo married Delilah Simpson, proven by the Equity Court Journal record.

I should have suspected from your first letter! I should have known! I've long insisted that chemists make the best genealogists, due to their analytical thought process. Having said that, I know you'll misinterpret my next statement, but I'll make it anyway. I majored in organic chemistry.

Let's forget about the disks. My WP conversion program to ASCII does retain the format (functions), leaving carriage return symbols after each sentence, but won't accept high density disks, only MF-2DD. Of course, that's no problem, but the only reason I suggested it was pure selfishness; it would allow me to copy portions of my files for you without having to print. My printer is daisy wheel, extremely slow (13 CPS), or about 75-100 wpm. However, time is not an enemy, and I understand hard copy better anyway.

Yes, I'm aware of Lisa Franklin and began a correspondence last month, thanks to information from Helen Womack. Lisa seems to be well informed and has promised to send me further data. It seems her printer went AWOL last month and she has to buy another before she can send the material. Lisa had written Helen about buying a copy of Clan Blackstock. Unfortunately, the supply is exhausted. (I think Helen printed only a limited amount, not realizing the potential demand; also, she's had some problems with the IRS about it and has no desire to republish.) I had never heard of Helen or her book until she wrote me earlier this year concerning another subject, having obtained my address from a Berry researcher. My reply mentioned my knowledge of all the families of Backcountry S.C., which brought another letter asking for my help with the Blackstock puzzles. I agreed and was, to say the least, surprised when a copy of Clan Blackstock arrived by UPS. I don't read books of that type, I study them. A day later, and I mean nearly twenty four hours, I finally surfaced from the pages long enough to sleep. Although the book poses more questions than facts, it is fascinating, one of the better I've ever seen. Helen was courageous to admit in print what she didn't know, a lesson most current genealogical authors could learn from her. It is unfortunate you can't obtain a copy, but I can partially solve that. I'd be glad to loan you mine by mail so you can photocopy what you want. Lemme

know.

To answer your question, please footnote your articles before releasing them for print. There's a good reason for it in this case: so much inaccurate Bobo data has been published, I find it's now imperative to absolutely prove with primary research references for anything presented. In other words, past misinformation has made most well informed Bobo researchers into Doubting Thomases, and you have to prove your words. I've found that unique situation in only one other S.C. family, Musgrove. I own no steps to any soapbox, but I do get disgusted in having to disprove the incorrect writings of others when that time could be better spent. That's the reason I wrote the "Horseshoe Robinson Revisited" article. However, it seems like when I get one hole plugged, another appears. There's a man in Houston, Richard G. Musgrove, that has just published The American Family Musgrove that's the biggest mess you've ever seen. I warn you, stay away from it! I well knew it was going to be so, but spent the $60 anyway for a copy. I needed a double dose of Pepto after only a few pages. Through an intermediate source, I'm informed that Chuck Bobo is going to publish your Bobo articles, so please do footnote (or end note) them. By the way, I was misinformed that Bryan Scott Johnson's article was published in the Huguenot journal, so we have the same article. Have you ever heard of Dr. John Albert Fincher? He's a direct descendant of Lewis Bobo, and now a retired college president. (See #180 in the Union Heritage.) He and I trade letters occasionally, and the information came from him last April about the proposed Bobo article by Scott Johnson, and that it would appear in the Huguenot journal in 1995. Someone else then sent me a photocopy of the article. Need I say more? I (mis)assumed. It happened during the time Dr. Fincher was moving from Spartanburg to Birmingham and we were then out of touch for a month or so. He and wife have reached the golden years and moved to be near a son. Dr. Fincher is well informed in respect to his more modern Bobo line, but has the other early lines confused.

I'm glad to know you have that Union Heritage because it's gonna save us time. Of course, it's full of mistakes, but better than nothing. Being a chemist, you'll be interested in reading #232 about Dr. W.F. Gilliam, Jr. Unfortunately, he's now confined to a wheelchair, house bound near Santuc, probably the result of silicones. He and I communicate occasionally by 'phone. On a similar subject, I MUST tell you of a shock I experienced a few years ago. What chemist has never heard of Dr. Wycliffe Owen, the great pioneer in plastics chemistry? In college, his name was a byword in my textbooks, and he was mentioned only with words of reverence. In a book I wrote, I mentioned I had the letter written by a Lt. Ferguson from Arkansas to his former commander, Capt. Bill Edwards of Chester County, S.C., my great-grandfather. They were two old Confederate war horses, and that letter was a moving memory trip back to their fields of glory, very sad because both were then very old men. In fact, I headed up that chapter with the salutation from that letter, "Dear Old Capt. Bill." A complete stranger, a lady in Louisiana, Margie Owen Hanna, wrote me and thanked me for publishing that letter, saying Lt. Ferguson was her ancestor. I sent her the original letter with a Christmas card. Naturally, I received an eloquent letter of appreciation. A few days later, my mouth fell to my knees when I received a letter from Dr. Wycliffe Owen of Dallas, thanking me for sending the letter to his niece! Since, Margie and I have become fast mail friends. Dr. Owen seems to be quite a character. A couple of years ago, he distressed his

105 year old mother by, at 85, eloping to California. "Fern," as she was known, considered it as deserting her! There's more to this tale! While at Furman, I took a course in speech in an attempt to lose my Charleston brogue, taught by a Miss Sarah Lowry that had come from Baylor University. Miss Lowry finally admitted defeat and announced I was her only failure because I still had the Charlestonese. Subsequently, I learned that Miss Lowry was Margie Owen Hanna's aunt and retired to Mississippi. Margie mentioned me to her, and, after over thirty years, Miss Lowry remembered me still as her only failure! Miss Lowry has since died, but Margie and I still laugh about the "failure" memory.

I'm probably hauling coal to Newcastle by mentioning this, but systematic intermarriage of cousins for generations was the norm in early S.C., almost to the point of incest, so don't let it worry you. You aren't unique at all in such descent, and I doubt it affects anyone of our generation mentally. In fact, it probably had a positive effect, keeping the desired amino acids in the old noggin! I'm not going to get deeply into the subject, but early S.C. had an abnormal amount of insane persons, especially after 1800. It was not hereditary, but found to be caused by an enzyme growing in stored cornmeal that attacked the brain. As you probably know, the then lifestyle was to have a few bushels of corn ground up and stored on the back porch in a barrel, or what I laughingly call 'Insanity in a Barrel." Around 1900, the Federal Government decreed an enzyme killing agent had to be added to all cornmeal. For that reason, any cornmeal you now buy is labeled "fortified," or "enriched," meaning it has an additive to prevent such growth. I spent considerable time in researching that subject, a well kept secret because the industrial producers were afraid that people would stop buying cornmeal if the truth were known, although the problem had been corrected. And, they certainly were afraid to print the truth on their packages, consequently the words enriched and fortified were used. Slick!

No, no, I don't think Nancy (Bobo) Simpson Patton was dead in 1813 when Sally Bobo made her will. Also, probably not in 1818 either. Even if she was, her part of the advancements of Sampson Bobo's estate to her would legally have been the responsibility of Matthew Patton, her last husband, under the S.C. law. That law specifically stated that upon marriage, a man was invested with the lifetime interest of his wife's holdings. On the other hand, he was also responsible for her personal past debts. I recall a case in Union County whereby a man named Henry Stevens died testate in 1811, his estate insolvent. It was later sued and a judgment filed. After that, his daughter, Mary, named in the will, married Warren B. Johnson, who was not aware of the judgment, and Johnson was suddenly responsible for nearly $800. If Mary hadn't been named in the will, she wouldn't have been included in the judgment. Johnson and wife fled west, after having paid in full. I'm sure he never let her forget it!

Anyway, to continue with your questions about Nancy, you asked if her children weren't old enough to represent themselves in 1818 in the Sampson and Sally Bobo estates. Remember one important thing here: Nancy would have inherited 1/14 of 2/3 of her father's intestate (1/3 to the widow, 2/3 collectively to the children); also anything her mother willed her, which was a share of the money from the land to be sold. Nancy's children would have represented themselves, if of age, <u>in only the Sally Bobo estate</u>. I'm sure they were of legal age in 1818, but Nancy was still alive, certainly indicated

by the absence of any guardian ever having been appointed for them in the Sally Bobo estate. In other words, they were not legatees in the estate of Sampson Bobo because their mother remarried, although they were in the estate of Sally because they were specifically named in her will. The 1818 document was for the advancements made to the legatees of Sampson Bobo only, not Sally's, so only Matthew Patton was such, having been invested in all of Nancy's property at marriage. Don't forget we're dealing with a female (Nancy) here, whose husband owned everything of hers at marriage, including any inheritance, past or future; unlike Sampson Bobo, Jr.'s, minor children, who had to have a guardian appointed when their father died. I wrote Billy White and asked about Nancy's death. He replied, but forgot to answer that question. I now have another letter off to him. Matthew Patton's Revolutionary pension files must have information concerning her. I'm sending for them, but it will take months.

The Nancy Simpson and John Colbert marriage is recorded in the Union County, S.C., Minutes of the County Court 1785-1799, published by Brent Holcomb. On Monday, Second Day of April 1798 is recorded: "Ordered that Nancy Simpson (now Colbert) who was an administratrix to the Estate and Effects of Samuel Simpson decd be Suspended as Admx. in consequence of her Mariage with John Colbert and that she be served with a Copy of this order."

Monday, Fourth Day of June 1798: "On Motion of Samuel Farrow Esqr., Ordered that all persons concerned in the Administration of Samuel Simpson decd be cited to appear before the Judges of this Court at our next intermediate court to shew cause if any they can why Mrs. Nancy Simpson (now Colbert) should not be reinstated in her administration on said estate." Samuel Farrow was an attorney, living at Cross Anchor, and was representing Nancy.

Monday, Third Day of September 1798: "Whereas Mrs. Nancy Simpson (otherwise Nancy Colbert) at our last intermediate court was suspended from the administration of the Estate of Samuel Simpson decd whereof she was an administratrix in concequense of her marriage, On application thereof of the said Nancy Simpson (otherwise Nancy Colbert) Its ordered that she be reinstated in the said administration, Andrew Torrence one of the Securities on Motion was struck off from the bond, and Burrel Bobo came into open court and acknowledged himself as security in his room and signed his name to the bond accordingly."

Andrew Torrence went off the bond only because he had just been appointed to a public office, not because of any fear or disenchantment. There are no other records for any Colbert (or Calvert) in this court, so I suspect he was in Spartanburg County, and may have been named John Calvert. The Union County Court recorder of that time played hell with name spellings, often recording an "a" as an "o," and "v" as an "b."

All this saga began 24 Day of October 1797: "On the application of Nancy Simpson admx. and William Wilbanks letters of administration is Granted them on the estate and effects of Samuel Simpson late of this County deceased who give bond in the sum of $2500 with Sampson Bobo, Andrew Torrence Esqr and Ambrose Ray their Securities and took oath Prescribed by Law."

That must have been Sampson Bobo, Sr., her father; Andrew Torrence lived near Cross Keys; Ambrose Ray was a prominent Baptist minister, then at

Padgett's Creek Baptist Church at Cross Keys. You know, of course, that the Rays married into the children of Lewis Bobo. I also know quite a bit about the Rays. William Wilbanks currently throws me as to his association with the Simpsons, but I'm working on it now. Since last writing you, I've discovered the Phoebe that married William Wilbanks just after 1800 was first married to Hosea Holcomb, Sr., by whom she had Hosea Holcomb, Jr. I hope to have more on this soon as to whether it was William Wilbanks Sr. or Jr. I'm confident he had some connection to Samuel Simpson.

Continuing with your questions, I have no idea when Nancy married Matthew Patton, but hope it is in his pension application. I'm going to order it. As you know, it'll take about two months or longer to come. I'm also going to get the estate papers of Samuel Simpson, which brings up another subject. Unless you have a bunch of money to waste, hold off on coming to Columbia until I can dig deeper into this subject. Anything you want in S.C. can be obtained from Linda Crissinger, 3032 Elmhurst Drive, Inman, S.C. 29349, who lives about fifteen minutes from the Spartanburg courthouse. She's also very reasonable. I have no idea what she charges for mileage if she has to go to Union, Columbia, or wherever. Write her. I'll see if I can't get her to give you a break on pricing. After we dig a little deeper into all this saga, you can then come to S.C. and attack the more specific questions. I'm a firm believer in ordering documents or hiring researchers rather than traveling, especially into unfamiliar territory. A few years ago, I spent a week driving all over Virginia to the tune of $2000 and returned home not knowing any more than when I left. It's not that the data isn't there, it's the frustrating complications of dealing with the bureaucracy. Researching in S.C. is very complicated and confusing due to the various locations of the records, some of which aren't at the Archives (Chester County refuses to allow the Archives to copy theirs!). It's best to research in the counties for most records after 1787, and at the Archives before that date. Union County donated some of their court books to the local museum, now available only there during "business" hours, hours you can well imagine aren't consistent when run by volunteers. A grandchild's tummy ache takes precedent over a researcher's 2000 mile trip.

I don't know what's wrong with Jeannette Christopher. She and I used to trade facts and be friends. Suddenly, since 1992, for no reason known to me, she refuses to reply to my letters. I honestly think she's angry at me for writing about Union County genealogy, since she gets paid to do so. Upon invitation, I've visited in her home more than once, and she traveled a long distance to come to an autograph party given for me a few years ago. In 1992, I wrote her and invited her to join me in an article about Gilliam's Chapel in Union County. I received a fairly formal note from her, saying it sounded like a good idea, but to wait until she returned from a trip, and to remind her later. I've never heard anything more! Being deaf, she can't use a telephone, so a few months later I called and left a message on the machine for her son William to remind her. Nothing. I called again. Nothing. Two months ago, I wrote and offered her some data I'd discovered on her late husband's family, and included a SASE. Nothing, although she saw Linda C. at a meeting and mentioned she'd gotten the letter! I'm not going to worry about it further. I might mention that Linda says she's "stiffened up" to her and a number of others.

To my way of thinking, there's no doubt that William Wilder was a son-in-law

of Sampson and Sally Bobo, Sr., proven by that 1818 document. We need to look further into this. Buried beside my progenitor Mordecai Chandler in New Hope Baptist Church is "W.W., 1/16/1835, aged 70 years." I can't be sure it is Willian Wilder, but the birth date is right on track to have married one of Sampson's girls. The problem is that many Waters are buried in that cemetery also. However, I'm very informed about the Waters family and know of no "W.W." born near that date except for Westwood Waters whom I can absolutely document died in Georgia in 1799. I've just gotten the New Hope B.C. microfilm records from 1834 onward. If William Wilder was a member, and if it was he that died in 1835, his death should be noted in those records. I'll let you know what I find about him.

Refer to page five of your letter, the second paragraph. Now, I hope you and I have a new friendship to the point I can get away with writing the following and you won't take it out of context. Read your paragraph carefully. Melanie, Melanie, do you feel your face becoming flushed? Do you realize what you've written? What hind of sentence is "There is no one left?" Come on Melanie, reach back to your lab bench and put that analytical mind to work. You're counting four daughters from the 1813 will of Sally Bobo, and the 1818 record of Sampson Bobo's estate. Of course there was one left, the wife of William Wilder, proven by him being included in that 1818 document as one of fourteen legatees. The only other way he could have been included was to have married a granddaughter of Sampson, but she would have had to have been an only child with both parents deceased by 1818, and we know that wasn't so. Him having been named in Sally Bobo's 1813 will certainly highly suggests he was a son-in-law. I really don't understand why someone hasn't realized this before. For years, everyone has blindly accepted a William Wilder Bobo. I did also, until one day I noticed on the 1790 census that William Wilder was living nearly beside Sampson Bobo. For a long time, I thought Sampson may have named a son for him until I saw that 1818 document abstract, which named his as William Wilder, not William Wilder Bobo. I also discovered a Burwell Wilder of the right age to have been a son. "Laurens County D.B. J, p. 38, 1/2/1808, John W. Ligon of Spartanburg District to Burrell Wilder for $500, 210 acres on Enoree waters bordering on James Wright. Wit. Spencer Bobo, Tillman Bobo. Proved before Burrell Bobo. D.R. of Mary Ligon." Sounds to me like he was starting married life. "D.B. J, p. 169, 5/15/1810, Burrell Wilder to John Whitten for $450, 210 acres on Enoree River bordering on James Wright. Wit. Elihu Garrett, Lindsay Whitten. Proved before James Dillard. D.R. of Mary Wilder before J.A. Elmore, J.Q." There are no other deeds in Laurens County for any Wilder before 1820. Did I previously mention one of my boyhood friends in Moncks Corner was Wilder Langston, who had come there with his family from Spartanburg County?

O.K., I assume your face has returned to normal. Don't be offended by my having a little fun with words; I wrote them only to put your analytical mind in gear. At least your little slip in thought was only from an overload of facts, nothing like some mistakes I've made, one in particular purely stupid. I once wrote a girl in Arizona all about the descendants of Gen. Francis Marion, when any fourth grader knows he had no children! My mind had gone blank and I'd confused him with his brother, Job Marion. I sent her a telegram the next day and told her to trash the letter, an accurate one followed. God, was I embarrassed!

Lemme tell you my theory about William Wilder, which should answer your

that the name of Mr. Farrow be struck out of the record and the name of Mr. Puckett be inserted instead. On motion of Mr. Puckett, Solicitor for the Petitioner, ordered that the above case be discontinued in the Court in Equity Pinckney District. On motion of D.J. Puckett and with the approbation of the Reverend Spencer Bobo and William Lancaster, Esqr., and on procuring the consent in writing of Sally Freeman and Henry Freeman, the natural guardians of John, Polly, Nancy, Elizabeth, and Sally Bobo, children of Sampson Bobo dec'd, and under the age of discretion, ordered that Spencer Bobo be appointed guardian of the above named children as related to the real and personal estate of Sampson Bobo Senr., dec'd., a commission to issue from this court directed to William Lancaster, Esqr., to take the bond and security of the said Spencer Bobo."

Melanie, keep that above date in mind because it becomes very important in the Samuel Simpson records. March 4, 1809 was the last day of that session, the next scheduled for the 4th Monday in June. Thus, there was about a 90 day inactive period of the court.

"Monday, June 26, 1809.
Ex Parte Samuel Simpson, Delilah Simpson, Susannah Simpson, John Simpson, Sophia Simpson. Petition to have a guardian appointed. On motion of Mr. Farrow, petitioners solicitor, ordered that Barrum Bobo be appointed their guardian and authorized to take charge of their persons and property on his giving bond and security for $2000."

The <u>same</u> date and on the same page:
"Willis Bobo and his wife et al vs. James Richardson, et al. In Partition. On motion of Mr. Farrow, solicitor for petitioners, and all parties concerned appearing in open court and agreeing, ordered that the said tracts of land containing 300 acres known by the name of Cross Keys be sold by the Commissioner of this Court at 12 months credit; and the money arising from the sale to be equally divided between the said Delilah, Sophia, Susannah, John, and Samuel according to their prayer. Said land to be sold on 1st Saturday in December next. Sold by virtue of the above order to Barrum Bobo the Cross Keys for $851 high bid."

Why are the dates important? Because during the interim, two cases were filed, one naming Delilah and Sophia as Simpsons, the other obviously indicating they had married. I suspect they both married sometime very close to the June 26, 1809 date. Read on:

"June 22, 1812
William Wilbanks and others vs. James Duncan. Bill for Injunction and Discovery. Stands over by consent of parties.

William Wilbanks and others vs. James Duncan. Bill of Injunction. On motion of Saml Farrow, Solr for the complts., ordered that he have leave to amend the bill in above case by adding Delila Bobo, James Richardson and Sophia his wife, Barrum Bobo as guardian of Susanna Simpson, John Simpson, and Samuel Simpson."

"March 1, 1814
William Wilbanks, et al, Admns. of S. Simpson vs James Duncan son of Alexr. Bill of Injunction. Decree for complaintants."

This James Duncan always styled himself as "son of Alexander." Whatever it was they were suing about, the Simpsons won.

Now, I'll defy anyone to tell me that Willis Bobo didn't marry Delila Simpson, just from that evidence. I'm sure the original complaint filed gives the date of the marriage. If O.J. Simpson had such concrete evidence, he'd be lying on Malibu Beach instead of eating dishwater soup and bologna sandwiches.

No, I don't think Susannah Simpson was our Sally Rochell, Nancy's daughter. I think Sally Rochell was by either an earlier marriage or liaison of Nancy's. Of course, I'm dealing with a WPA typed Sally Bobo will, having never seen an original copy (if extant), so she could have been Sally Rachel or Rochell. If Rochell, and she was legitimate, that could have been either a maiden or married surname. If illegitimate, it certainly was a married name. So many variables!

You noted that Aseneth Bobo, daughter of Absalom and Polly (Bobo) Bobo, married William Windom Hitch. Are you aware that Rev. Clark Berry Stewart (1813-1890) married Katherine Carson Hitch (1823-1898) of Laurens County, a daughter of John and Katherine (Hanna) Hitch? Rev. C.B. Stewart was a son of Walter and Isabel (Bobo) Stewart, and Isabel was a daughter of Spencer and Nancy (Berry) Bobo, Jr. I wonder if W.W. and Katherine Hitch were siblings?

Have I missed anything? Forgotten to reply to any question? I'm tuckered out and have to quit. So, reach down in your wine cellar of genealogy and send me some more "good stuff." You and I are gonna solve all the Bobo puzzles, once and for all time!

In conclusion, I'd sure like to discover the origin of the Ann (Musgrove) Bobo divorce untruth. I imagine it was started long before it reached the LDS. My theory? Absalom and Ann probably had some difficulties in early marriage and she left him temporarily. In later years, that tale was handed down until it suddenly became divorce. There's a tale here in Darlington County that the wife of Major Robert Lide dropped dead when she learned of the incorrect news that her husband had been killed in the Battle of Charleston, 1780. I actually, quite by luck, managed to find her stone and she didn't die until 1789. Even those aware of the truth keep repeating that tale in print! Why? Who knows.

Regards,

9/23/94

Robert J. Stevens

P.S. My physician recently discovered I have an ulcer, but it's under control with prescribed H_2 blocker. We couldn't determine what caused it. Thanks to your comment, I now know. All these absurd Bobo errors! And I thought it was because of all those mean women I married..shame on me!

PPS: Having come this far, I may as well over-extend my welcome, much like all the suddenly "new found" cousins when you buy a beach house.

Good job on Three Spencers and Three Absaloms. I'm delighted to see your conceptions are parallel with mine, right on target, and it absolutely reeks of analytical thought process.

Anyway, refer to page 8 of your manuscript, first paragraph, "Absalom whose son was Edward Murphy Bobo." Was that a slip of your typer, and you meant Edward Musgrove Bobo? You repeat that name in the second paragraph. I suspect you were thinking about the maiden name of the wife of Edward Musgrove Bobo, Murphy.

Your mention of Absalom (your Absalom 3) having been in Mississippi by 1822 and possibly being the motive for the rest to follow just may be correct. Until I read that, I had always assumed that Spencer A. Bobo had blazed the trail to Mississippi just before 1830. He was a son of Barrum and Frances Ann (Woodson) Bobo, consequently the nephew of Nancy (Bobo) Simpson Patton. (I mention her due to a possible cryptic clue I'm about to mention.) On 7/19/1830, (Union County D.B T, p.495), Spencer A. Bobo sold his 1000 acre farm "Shady Grove" to Edward Stevens for $3000, "all that land on which I (Bobo) now live called Shady Grove and formerly the property of **John Rochell** in Union District on the water's of Padgett Creek; land borders James May's land, F.F. Gist on the north, Smith's land on the south, Thomas G. Danner land on Spivey's Spring Branch, Asa Dodd's land on Bill Branch, Thomas G. Danner's land east, land of Isaac Pearson." Remember the Mary Stevens that married Warren B. Johnson? This was her brother. Edward Stevens (1785-1832), on his own, made a fortune in Union County in the cattle business. His father, Henry Stevens (who had married Elizabeth Davis in Caroline County, VA), had come to S.C. about 1789, and went to wheeling and dealing. It all backfired, a fascinating story that I published about ten years ago, and he died insolvent. Old Henry (as we call him) bought one of the first cotton gins from Eli Whitney and went into business with it about 1805, made a fortune, but mismanaged his accounts and went belly up. One of the tales I discovered and LOVE is the sheriff of Union County riding out to attach the gin and slaves after Old Henry died, and the Stevens boys sent him packing with their muskets! All that's another story, including the truth about the cotton gin, which Eli Whitney didn't invent at all, but stole, and it was eventually restored to the rightful owners, who sold it to the State of S.C. History books don't tell you that, but the court records certainly do. Believe it or not, I was once having a beer in a motel lounge here a couple of years ago and struck up a conversation with a complete stranger, a Mexican that grew up on the King Ranch in Texas, his father the former foreman. He began telling me about Eli Whitney stealing the cotton gin design. I was floored that he knew the history of it! However, I discovered he had married into the family of Fairfield County, S.C., that were the rightful owners. Small world. I ran into him a few times after, and was mesmerized with his tales of the King Ranch.

I do tend to ramble and muse, a terrible trait. Hereafter, I'll try to resist the temptation and remain with the subject.

Do you have the three sheets headed up "The Following is Believed to be the Direct Line of Descent to: Belle Bobo Haynie Shepherd, born October 4, 1922,

Tignall, Wilkes County Georgia?" If not, lemme know. She has made some very serious errors in the early lines, but her Georgia line may be correct. She claims descent from Lewis and Sarah (Solomon) Bobo of Union County through their son Sampson Bobo, wife unknown. She says that Sampson had four children, two of whom were Sampson Bobo, born 1806, who married Elizabeth Bobo in 1824, a "cousin;" and Burwell Bobo, who married Susannah Highsmith, the parents of the above Elizabeth Bobo! That would make her the niece, not cousin, of her husband, Sampson Bobo! This thing arrived in the morning mail from an associate in Augusta.

About the John Rochell mentioned above. I have some facts about him, some of which came from Jeannette Christopher and some of which I dug up. There was a Thomas B. Hunt in early Union County, who also owned land in Spartanburg County. He married Mary Winter of Georgetown, a widow with two daughters. Hunt made his will in 1802, naming his two step daughters as Sarah and Jennet Winter, and left them entailed property. He died childless in 1811. Before he died, he wrote the Moravian School in Winston Salem, N.C., that his stepdaughter, Sarah, might try to elope with John Rochell. She did. By 1824, Sarah (Winter) Rochell had died, leaving four minor children: Pamelia L., Mary P., Jane, and John W. Rochell. That year, John Rochell came into Union County Equity Court and had himself appointed guardian to his children. Due to the entailed property belonging to their mother, they would inherit.

I have no idea who John Rochell was. Surely all the Rochells were related in some manner?
I just went back through the Equity Journal records to review for any more Bobo data, as there's no index. There's more Bobo material, but of later generations, which I won't confuse you with at this time. However, I've just realized I'm missing 1815-1823 of that journal, but I know where to get it.

One more thing, then I'll shut up. In a former letter, you mentioned the intestates of Sampson Bobo, Sr. and Jr., being in the same file. Do you have that file, or were you repeating information? If you have it, does the name of William Wilder show in the dispersions, or that of any Colbert/Calvert? If you don't have that file, please let me know and I'll get it. Number, please?

Bye.

9/24/94

I tore open your envelope (literally "your envelope") to add this, something I caught early this morning before daylight, when I had just shocked my mind awake with a dose of caffeine and nicotine, a time my mind seems to be most alert.

I'm gonna be very presumptuous, and I hope you'll take no offense. If I thought you would, I wouldn't dare write this.

Refer again to your Three Spencers and Three Absaloms, page 8, the first sentence, "Any discussion regarding the other two Absaloms is destined to cause confusion,..." The way that phrase is worded comes across as alerting your reader that he is being warned that he will be confused by your further discussion of the subject, especially with the word "destined" in it. Of course, that is not what you mean at all, and your sentence is perfectly correct, but most readers do not analyze the grammatical content of a sentence. They read it and accept the least difficult interpretation. The phrase would be better written, "Any past discussion regarding the other two Absaloms has caused confusion,...," which shifts the "discussion" to others, and not yours.

I do not claim to be an authority on the English language, but I had the advantage of hanging around a newspaper that my mother managed during many years of my youth. One of her obsessions was not only perfect English, but the use of it in written material, two totally different animals. For years, she showed me proofreading as it should be. Right now, I've forgotten the majority of the English language rules, but I can instantly recognize anything incorrect, or anything called a "misleader." And, yes, I make mistakes...I'm certainly not perfect. However, anything I write for publication first goes to Linda Crissinger for proofreading. Linda majored in English and, for years after college, worked as an editor in the publication department of Milliken and Company (international textile company). Also, Linda's husband, Cris, is a technical writer, having worked for a number of international concerns and now has his own firm. Between the three of us, we manage to avoid bloopers. Why, even in the enclosed letter, I made a mistake that I caught and corrected while proofing it before printing, In the discussion of the cornmeal, I originally wrote "but found to be caused by an enzyme that attacked the brain growing in stored cornmeal." A real "dangler," stating the brain was growing in the cornmeal! Pretty stupid, huh? Even with my own proofing, Linda always manages to find an error or two in my work. She's a whiz. I once was brave and didn't let Linda proof part of a book in which I made a real boo-boo. I misspelled "naval" as "navel." In other words, I presented the Confederate bellybutton instead of the Confederate fleet of ships! Also, don't take me to task about my informal use of the English language in my letters. I think Fritz Hollings (D-S.C.) stated it best when he said a Southern gentleman needs two forms of the English language, formal and informal (or, the Good Old Boy version). He's right. He was defending some comments he made, using his Good Old Boy version, which were attacked by some Yankee senator. If you've ever heard Fritz speak on television news, you're hearing the Charlestonese that I, too, have. In fact, we both went to the same small private school in Charleston and were taught by the same teachers, natives, so what else can you expect? Nowhere else in S.C., or anywhere for that matter, are words pronounced as in Old Charleston.

Bob

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10/6/1994

Dear Melanie,

I'm writing you this tid-bit because you mentioned your son in Tennessee and your visits, and because you might have some source there to discover more.

I was watching the local TV news from Florence last evening, that program also having equal time devoted to Myrtle Beach news coverage. Since Myrtle Beach has recently become a huge entertainment center for the east coast, most of such news is of the various visiting celebrities, and I generally mentally tune it out. A reporter was interviewing a young lady about a cookbook she'd written, and she was on a national tour to promote it. The camera was showing pictures in the cookbook, and the girl began talking about the history of Lynchburg, Tenn., the only reason I "half-way" tuned my mind back in. She mentioned the town had a population of only 520, but it swelled to over 20,000 during the tourist season due to the Jack Daniels Distillery located there. A picture was shown of a group of persons sitting at a long dining table, an old lady seated at one end, their dress seemingly about 1890ish. There was no doubt the picture was very old. The girl then unloaded the bombshell that captured my attention, but, unfortunately, it happened so quickly I didn't catch the woman's first name. She mentioned that all the recipes in the book were from that lady, a "Miss _____ Bobo," who ran a locally famous boarding house there, famous for her food. I think she said her name was Mary, Mattie, or something such as that. (I felt like kicking myself for not having paid attention earlier.)

What perks my interest here is that if my interpretation of the time, 1890ish, was correct, that would date the woman's birth about 1820. Also, if I heard correctly that she was a "Miss" _____ Bobo, that suggests she was either born there, or came there at a young age with her parents. I find Lynchburg in Moore County, which rings no Bobo bell in my memory.

In the Union County Heritage, you'll find some articles written by Lawrence Betsill. Mr. Betsill was born at Cross Keys in Union County, left there in early manhood, then retired to North, S.C., in old age and became blind, which prevented him from corresponding. Someone informed me of him and his sight problem, but I wrote him anyway. He came out of writing retirement, had his wife to read him my letters, then scribbled his replies. His letters were nearly impossible to read, but his knowledge was amazing. He even recalled a conversation of historic topic he'd had with my great uncle in 1915! Anyway, Mr. Betsill wrote me the tale about William Pearson (1761-1844) moving from Union County to Lynchburg, Tenn., and it was his whiskey formula that is now used by the Jack Daniels Company. That's the only instance I know of someone from Union County moving to Lynchburg about that time. Also, William Pearson had a daughter, Sally, that married Elijah Bobo (1789-1852), a son of Burwell and Elizabeth (Roebuck) Bobo. Mr. Betsill told me that Elijah and Sally remained in Union County, but is it possible he was wrong? He made many mistakes in his letters to me, but only because his sight prevented him from reviewing his records and he had to work from memory. He died a few years ago, so I'm quite thankful for the letters I have.

Sincerely,

Bob

Dear Melanie,

Yours arrived this weekend. It'll take me a few days to reply and mail what you requested, but I got curious about this Patton connection in Huntsville. Consequently, am sending this in advance.

The reason I'm sending it to you is because this Old Country Boy ain't dumb. I need nothing out of the Walker County Court, but you obviously research there. With you handling Mr. Patton's request, it'll give you some points with him, which you might need to collect someday. It's always nice to have a Clerk of Court in your debt.

I'm sure Billy White would be delighted to hear from him.

Bye,

Bob

P.S. McNatt, huh? Sure sounds like Scotch-Irish to me. Oh, almost forgot. Dr. David Hume of Ulster recently had a BBC broadcast of interviews he did in SC on Scotch-Irish history. Linda Crissinger's mother, Ruby Lee, did the one about Walnut Grove Plantation in Spartanburg County and those families. Do you want a copy of that tape? Lemme know in a future letter.

Also, advance notice on the King family. I've always suspected they were children of Charles and Charity King. Charles came from Frederick County, VA, in 1755 with Edward Musgrove, later records proving they were at least fast friends. Musgrove even borrowed money from him in 1769 to build Musgrove's Mill, but couldn't meet the note date and King sued him in 1770 in Charleston, as did Edward's brother, John Musgrove.

Wilder-advance note. In all this horrible tragedy in Union County concerning that Susan Smith killing her two litle children, I noted on the news reports a man named Wilder. He had something to do with the court system there. I'll wait a few weeks until the smoke clears, then contact him. Everyone in Union County is so mad at that girl they have no time now for anything else. I've received a number of comments about the situation, but the most sensible I've heard came from a "Good Old Redneck Country Girl" of Union on a local news report. She said Susan Smith doesn't deserve the electric chair. She needs to be striped naked, staked down on a fire ant bed, and be eaten alive.

I'll include this separately in case you'd like to send it to James Patton in Huntsville. I have so much going on now that I just can't take on another correspondent, but, more importantly for him, I'm not a Patton expert as is my cousin, Billy White. First, tell Mr. Patton to send a check for $12 to Jean Nichols, Chester District Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 336, Richburg, S.C., 29729, and order the four copies of their Bulletin for 1991. The June and September issues had a Patton genealogy article by Billy White. The Bulletins are sold only in annuals for $12, postage included. Then, after reviewing those articles, tell him to write William Boyce White, Jr., 225 25th Street, S.W., Roanoke, VA 24014-2360. Due to his mother's health, Billy moved from Rock Hill, SC, to Roanoke last year, a tremendous loss to SC. Billy is probably the most informed historian and genealogist for the Chester, York, and Lancaster County areas of SC.

In Billy's article, I don't find a James H. Patton married to a Rebecca McDonald during the period of 1837, but there was a James H. Patton (1808-1882), who, according to Billy, married Nancy Hart. His parents, William (1770-1850) and Margaret (Wright) (1780-1859) Patton, died in TN. William was the son of Thomas (1741-1780) Jane (Crawford) Patton. Thomas died as a prisoner of the British in the war. In a recent letter from Billy, he mentioned he's now writing another Patton genealogy due to the huge response to the 1991 articles, and that his data is considerably expanded. There's no doubt in my mind that your Mr. Patton in Huntsville is of this same family, considering the McDonald name, both Scotch-Irish and from the Fishing Creek section of present eastern Chester County. Those two names, along with many others, were (and still are) highly respected in the social order of things, fine old families. The Pattons ended up owning the 900 plus acres of the land of Hans Casper Culp, my old progenitor of that area. In fact, in 1761, when his daughter, Barbara (Culp) McKinney (my old granny), was abducted and scalped by the Cherokees, the Indians also killed a McDonald couple and took their children. One of the Steele boys gathered a party and chased them to earth the next day, killed them, rescued the McDonald children and Barbara's scalp! Barbara survived (then seven months pregnant), thank goodness because I come from her later child.

Another of Casper Culp's daughters married a Land, who owned property on the Catawba River at a ford, which was known as "Land's Ford," now "Landsford." Nearly all of that Culp/Patton land was bought up by Gen. William Richardson Davie when he retired to Chester County in old age. Davie was an illustrious Revolutionary War general of the area, later helped to draft the Constitution, became Minister to France, founded the University of North Carolina, just some of his credits. In his will, he left the original Patton burying ground to the Governor of South Carolina so the State would have to maintain it. They declined it, and a war-of-words has resulted since. One of my cousins, Wofford Kee of Chester County, was preparing to sue the state about it when he died last year. That is now known as "The Old Stone Cemetery" due to the stone wall surrounding it. It's in deplorable condition, located near Landsford State Park which occupies Culp's original land on the Catawba River. The old Culp home spring still bubbles there, where Gen. Davie and his men watered their horses that fateful morning before they fought the Battle of Hanging Rock where so many of them died, but forever wrote their names into history.

There have been numerous books written on Chester County history and genealogy (I've published three), too many to mention, but the one I consider

the most valuable is The Revolutionary Soldiers of Catholic Presbyterian Church, compiled 1946, and is sold by the CDGS for $17. It has a section devoted to the McDonald family, and Rebecca was a favorite name. Tell Mr. Patton to buy it. It is a fascinating book. I also seem to recall that Mrs. Elizabeth Ellet covered some of the McDonald family in her Women of the American Revolution, published 1851, available in some genealogical libraries. I seem to also recall that the first white settler in the area of Fishing Creek was Donald McDonald, who lived among the friendly Catawba Indians for some twenty or more years before the other whites showed up around 1750. Quite naturally, I'm referring to Scotch-Irish- men from Ulster to Pennsylvania, then on the South Carolina. I might also mention if it wasn't for those old Scotch-Irish Covenanters, we'd be spending British pounds today! The Revolution was actually won in South Carolina, and it was due to them. People don't realize that of all the battles fought during the Revolution, over fifty percent were fought on South Carolina soil, and most of those in the Backcountry.

Bye,

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Dear Melanie,

Yes, I've seen many national news reports about the Texas floods and the gas line ruptures. Horrible. I sat wondering how many of my friends were being forced to swim. You see, I know little about Texas geography and have numerous corespondents that I have no idea of their small town locations. One must be a neighbor of yours, Barbara Biggs, Lake Jackson, because she's within driving distance of the Clayton Library. Our shared ancestors were the Beeks family of SC. Like you, Barbara works with her husband in some type of business. And, she has a married daughter in Arkansas. Great Texas Lady. Even though I've nearly always lived close to water, I've never been flooded, except by the ocean during a hurricane, but that was only for a few hours.

I think I told you I have the Samuel Simpson estate papers coming from the SC Archives. I just don't think Sally Rochelle was the daughter of Samuel Simpson. I'm betting she was the illegitimate child of Nancy Bobo before she married Samuel Simpson, and that Nancy was the mother of only the youngest child of Samuel, Samuel Jr. When the court case referred to "leaving a widow and five small children," it meant exactly that. That didn't necessarily mean the widow was the mother of all of them. I think we can safely accept from the equity case that Samuel Simpson had no daughter named Sally, but he may have had her as a step-daughter. No use in speculating. Let's wait until I get the file, maybe in a few weeks. I also have just received a reply from the NA and have ordered the pension papers of Capt. Matthew Patton.

I was recently sent a copy of a privately printed and uncirculated book, A Pearson Family History, by Eugene L. Pearson, born at Flat Creek, TN. He was a great grandson of William Pearson, who helped to settle Lynchburg, Tenn., in 1812. E.L. Pearson's grandfather was Kindred J. Pearson (1798-1871) (note that name Kindred!), born in SC. I'm curious about that name because there was no blood kinship between the Bobos and Pearsons when Kindred Pearson was born, although William Pearson and Lewis Bobo were living as close neighbors at that time in Union County. In fact, their entire area around Cross Keys and Sedalia was known as the "Irish Settlement" and all those families quickly intermarried. William Pearson's mother died in Union County in 1811, and he led a wagon train to TN in 1812. In the party were four of his children: Sarah, married to Elijah Bobo; Charles; Kindred J.; and Lucretia, who later married John Eakin of Shelbyville; William Pearson's brother-in-law, John Watson and his second wife, a Whitmore (Whitmire); Elisha Bobo, twin of Elijah, and his wife; David Floyd and wife; Hezekiah Ray and family; and an Eaton Family. Not named, but I know also with them, was Francis Fincher, who had married Sarah (Flewellen) Smith (widow of David Smith, Jr.) a few years before. (The father of the recently murdered boys in Union County, David Smith, is of this same family, but I doubt even knows it.) (I know little about the family of the murderess, Susan Vaughn Smith.)

There was a real bombshell in that Pearson book, a long letter written in 1861 by Kindred J. Pearson from Birdville, TX. Most of the text was his observation of Cynthia Ann Parker, who had just been "rescued" from the Comanches. Being a Texan, I'm sure you are familiar with the saga of Cynthia

Ann, who became the mother of Quanah Parker, the last of the Comanche war chiefs, and that fascinating history. What you don't know is that I've been working on that subject for nearly six months because I stumbled into the fact that those Parkers were at Cross Keys, SC, before they went to Ohio, then to Texas. I've been "building" an article for six months, so this Pearson letter slammed into me like a ton of bricks, and included much personal observation information about Cynthia Ann novel to me. Amazingly, Kindred J. Pearson didn't know the Parkers had been his SC neighbors in his youth! Actually, they were related in a distant manner. Helen Womack, aware of my findings about the Parkers, and knowing my fascination with the saga, sent me copies of autographed photos of White Parker and Too Nicey, the seventh wife of Quanah; and the centennial edition of the Quanah Tribune-Chief newspaper of Quanah, TX. Helen was born and raised at Quanah. I won't bore you further, but will be glad to send you the article when it's finally published.

Could you please send me what you know about the children of Levingston Bobo? I'm a bit confused about that King deed you quoted. I can't decide what role Levingston Bobo was playing, other than buying the land and paying for it at $50 per annum. What confuses me is that Sarah King had about nine months to vacate the premises. Now, if she was aged and kin to Levingston, I can't believe she would be forced to move.

It's really not all that important, but I'm not convinced that Absalom Bobo married Ann Musgrove on 16 Feb 1790. I wasn't aware Ann signed a dower release on that particular deed? The first dower she signed of which I'm aware was in 1796. Am I wrong? I know that when her father, Edward Musgrove, wrote his will on 25 Aug 1790, he named only two daughters, Mary and Rebecca, as being married at that time. I have no idea of the age of Ann (Musgrove) Bobo. What I do know is that she was a daughter of Edward Musgrove's third wife, Ann, one of seven children. They were named in his will in the order of William, Margaret, Ann, Hannah, Leah, Rachel, and Linney. The females may have been named in birth order, but William was the last born, 1782. What I do know, and can document, is that Edward Musgrove was still married to the second wife, Hannah Fincher, as of 1767. Margaret Musgrove, supposedly was the oldest of the children by Ann, the third wife. By the words of her son, Philemon Musgrove Waters, Margaret Musgrove was twelve years old at the time of the Battle of Musgrove's Mill in August 1780, making her born in 1768. If Ann was the next born, she would have been born circa 1770, certainly old enough for marriage in 1790. Dr. Edward Musgrove Bobo, supposedly the oldest child of Absalom and Ann (Musgrove) Bobo was born 22 Dec 1794, which would date the marriage by at least early that year. There could have been earlier born children that did not survive. In the overall spectrum, the marriage date really doesn't matter now. Further, I have no idea when Ann (Musgrove) Bobo died. I base the marriage of Absalom and Mary (Bobo) Bobo as circa 1811 due to the birth of George W. Bobo in 1812.

Oh, O.K., thanks to you, I now understand about the Bobo's Mill in Newberry County. There was a book, Newberry County, SC, Historical and Genealogical, published 1950 by George Leland Summer, Sr. (I note the Clearfield Co. has republished and I'll buy one.) In it he mentions "Mrs. Mary Blackburn died about 1868, leaving legatees: Daughters-Elizabeth T. Kennedy and Nancy Bobo; gr-children Mary Ann Elizabeth Gilliam, William Wesley Gilliam, John Robert Gilliam, Margery Rose Ann Gilliam, and McSwain Blackburn Gilliam." I also

study the Gilliam family, but haven't had time yet to dig into my records for these.

Also mentioned was Absalom Bobo that married Amy Sims, and their daughter Nancy (Bobo) Powell's children: "Betsy (wife of Larkin Gaines); Rhody (wife of Philip Waites); Peachy (wife of David D. Posey); Polly (wife of Robert R. Delph), Fannie (wife of Robert B. Norris), Sarah (wife of Reuben Powell), Amy S. (wife of Nathaniel J. Rosemond), Belinda (wife of Adam Crane Jones), Milly W. and Virginia (last two minors in 1813)." From my own research, Gen. Adam Crane Jones (1794-1881) was a prominent man of that area, having married Belinda Powell 5 Jan 1814, by whom he had a number of children. After Belinda died, he married Ann (Stowe) Musgrove, the widow of William Musgrove mentioned above. Now, isn't that interesting? Enclosed is some info. I'd had this Adam C. Jones data for years due to the Musgrove marriage, but I'd just never realized Belinda Powell was Absalom Bobo's granddaughter! I've never dug into the info about Ann Stowe, so have to accept she was from Maine. I have no idea what William Musgrove was doing in Charleston at the time. He was supposedly a physician, but I've never seen any evidence of it. To my knowledge, he farmed and operated the mill, which he left to Dr. Edward Musgrove Bobo, his nephew.

Don't worry yourself about the Waters family for my benefit. I have a world of info on them. Also, you've convinced me that Absalom and Amy (Sims) Bobo had only the one child, Nancy. At least I don't have to waste time pursuing that ghost anymore.

All of the Cuninghams of that area were related, although later on some branches claimed they weren't in an effort to rid themselves of the Bloody Bill stigma. They were. Somewhere in the dark recess of my memory, I think Ann Pamela Cuningham once wrote a white paper admitting to the fact. I'm sure you know who she was, credited with saving Mount Vernon. I guess you know Absalom Bobo lived adjacent to the Cuninghams in Laurens County, also to "Widow Bowman," who was the widow of John Jacob Bowman, also a notorious Loyalist, killed in the Revolution. J.J. Bowman's mother was a Hite from Winchester, VA, and a sister to my progenitor, Col. Jacob Hite, who was killed by the Cherokee in 1776 in SC. All of this is too complicated to go into fully herein, but the Cuninghams, J.J. Bowman Sr. and Jr., Richard Pearis, and that hot-bed of Loyalists were all financially connected to Jacob Hite.

Could Rachel be Edward Musgrove?

I've given some serious thought to something I previously mentioned, and thought I should inform you of my conclusion.
"D.B. R, pp. 224-5, 4/18/1818, Spencer Bobo to Bord W. Waters...on Sandy Fork Road below New Hope Meeting House; border: Chaney Bobo, Solomon Smith, Willis Arnold, and land formerly owned by John F. Harmoning and Co.; 3 ac. excepted around New Hope Meeting House including spring and burial ground. Wit. Margaret Waters and Aaron Casey...dower renounced 11/5/1818, Rachel Bobo to Burwell Bobo."

This had to be Spencer Bobo, Jr., who had married Nancy Berry. I think Nancy had died and Spencer had remarried to this Rachel. I can draw no other conclusion. He's the only Spencer I know of then alive at Cross Anchor, and the land certainly sounds like that of his father's, and, further, he was then planning to move to Georgia.

Bord W. Waters was Boardwine (Bordywine) Waters, a son of Capt. Boardwine and Elizabeth Waters, and brother to Sarah Waters that had married Beeks Musgrove. This younger Boardwine Waters had married Jane Lynch.

Margaret Waters was nee Margaret Musgrove, younger half-sister to Beeks Musgrove, she the oldest child of Edward and Ann Musgrove (his 3rd wife), who had married Landon Waters, another son of Capt. Boardwine and Elizabeth Waters.

John F. Harmoning, Sr., died 1806, had married Mary Berry, a sister to the Nancy Berry that married Spencer Bobo, Jr.

Per your mention of the Hayes Station affair, Golding Tinsley was also there, according to his son Isaac in the Lyman C. Draper papers.

No, I don't know Brent Holcomb personally, although he and I have had some past business correspondence concerning matters other than genealogy. He seems like a nice enough chap to me. I assume his reason for not researching the Bobo line is intelligence!!!

Not realizing you have visited the SC Archives, I have misinformed you. A stranger to SC records fares best in the county courts because the number of records are smaller and you can generally get personal help. However, if you know and understand the Archives so as not to waste your limited time, it's best to research there. Your Clayton Library may have a guide to the Archives records, which always pays to review it. There's also a published guide to the South Caroliniana Society Library collection, located on U.S.C. campus in Columbia, which you want to review. All the Andrea collection is there and available by mail. Since you're not interested in Chester County, by all means plan to do all your work in Columbia. Sorry for misleading you, but I didn't realize you'd been to the Archives.

To answer your question about William Wilder inheriting from Sampson Bobo, Sr., even if his wife was deceased. Whether Wilder's wife was dead or alive had nothing to do with it under law. Don't forget Sampson died intestate and all his children (or their asignees) inherited. Even if Wilder had remarried, he would still inherit his former wife's part under the intestate laws. It made no difference if she died before or after Sampson died intestate. Think! Remember, married women were then under the marital protection laws and could not make a will. Married, they could own nothing, as it belonged to their husband. If they had children and died, the children got nothing as it all belonged to the husband. Wilder could have married again ten times, but he'd still inherit from Sampson's estate. It was a horrible law, but necessary at the time due to most women being illiterate. I often wonder how many unscrupulous men married and then murdered their wives for profit? In those days, women were nothing but baby factories and slaves. I can recall my late mother, a highly educated woman, expressing her views on that subject, almost a rage. She was a true early "libber," influenced by her older friend, Dr. Wil Lou Grey of Laurens County. One day, when time allows, I'll tell you about Dr. Grey ("Miss Wil Lou" to me), who also influenced my life, one of the greatest persons I've ever known, now rather famous in SC. Next time you're at Clayton Library, dig out South Carolina's Distinguished Women of Laurens County "most of whom were redheaded" and read of her. I know the book is there.

I need to stop here. I'll send the Blackstock book and other requested items under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Bob 11/10/94

Bob

P.S. About "Bobo's Mill." Edward Musgrove had a brother, Col. John Musgrove, who was a Tory during the war. He was a very shadowy figure and not recorded in any fight except a small skirmish at "Bobo's Mill," that information also from Judge J.B. O'Neall. I won't bore you with his prior background, but he was killed or died during the war, probably at Charleston during the time the Backcountry Tories sought safety there in 1781. I do know that he had two sons in the war, both Tories, and one of them rode with Bloody Bill and was on the Bloody Scout with him. I discovered that little gem from the British payroll dates. Col. John Musgrove lived nearly adjacent Col. Philemon Waters on the Bush River. All these Musgroves fled to GA after the war, and later generations went to AL and became prominent in politics. Later AL history stated their progenitor was a Patriot officer in SC, but his records were lost when the British burned Washington during the War of 1812. I yet laugh about that. The Lesters descended from this Musgrove line (Southern Bible Records, Memory Lester.)

About my ulcer. I was only kidding about the cause, although stress may have played a role. I'm one of those people that can eat anything and never gain weight, as I now weigh the same as I did in college. I'm a real glutton for Mexican foods. During marriages, I had to temper that due to my family. When I became free in 1991, I began preparing and eating what I wanted, going through bushels of peppers, Tabasco sauce, anything with fire rising from it, the hotter the better, and washing it down with gallons of beer. Need I say more? I eroded the old breadbasket! I've now radically changed my diet and the pain is gone. There's nothing I'd like more right now than a big bowl of chili with a few peppers floating on the top and a mug of iced beer. Instead, I have to settle for chicken noodle and milk.

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and purpose as expressed limited and declared in respect of the property I have herein before provided for the use of the said John Jones and at his death shall be equally divided between his children.

Item, It is my will and desire that the executors of this my last will and testament cause to have built at the expense of my estate, if it is not done in my life, a stone wall around my grave yard twenty feet long and fifteen feet wide and four feet high and they are hereby vested with the power to raise what monies as may be necessary for this with other purposes for carrying this my will into effect by a sale of such a portion of the disposable part of my estate as may be sufficient for such purposes.

I do hereby nominate and appoint John Weatherall, James Wardlaw, George Bowie and George Weatherall executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this the twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve. Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above mentioned Adam C. Jones do and for his last will and testament written on eleven sides of paper in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other.

SAML. ANDERSON,
JOSEPH RICHEY,
ROBERT SWAIN. ADAM C. JONES.

(This will is recorded in Book No. 2, pages 80 to 83.)

Captain Adam Crane Jones married, about 1747, Catherine Campbell, of Virginia. Her ancestors, along with other Scotch Protestants, emigrated to Ireland about 1600 from the Highlands of Scotland and came to the New World in the early part of the eighteenth century. They settled first in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, later removing to Augusta County, Virginia. Children: 1. Elizabeth, married John Weatherall, a lawyer, and later moved West. 2. Captain Benjamin, served during the Revolutionary War. 3. Adam Crane, Jr., of whom further. 4. Richard, killed in the Revolutionary War. 5. Nathaniel, killed in the Revolutionary War. 6. John.

(Data in possession of the family.)

(III) Adam Crane Jones, Jr., son of Captain Adam Crane and Catherine (Campbell) Jones, was born in Virginia about 1751 and died December 12, 1806. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and received two grants of land in Anderson County for his services. This was part of the land taken from the Cherokee Indians and granted to soldiers in payment for Revolutionary services. The first tract was granted to him by Governor Benjamin Guerard the 15th of October, 1784, while the second was granted him by Governor Thomas Pinckney, 5th of March, 1787. Adam Crane Jones, Jr., served as sheriff of Abbeville County.

Adam Crane Jones, Jr., married Margaret Swain, daughter of Robert Swain, a soldier of the Revolution. Her family came to this country by way of Charleston, settled in Augusta, and later removed to Abbeville County. One son of Robert Swain moved to North Carolina, and his son became Governor of that State. Children of Adam Crane Jones, Jr., and Margaret (Swain) Jones were five daughters and two sons, including Adam Crane, of whom further.

(Ibid.)

(IV) General Adam Crane Jones, youngest child of Adam Crane Jones, Jr., and Margaret (Swain) Jones, was born in Abbeville County, November 25, 1794, and died January 11, 1881, at his home in Laurens County. The following obituary appeared in the "Laurensville Herald," January 18, 1881:

General Adam Crane Jones died at his home in this county on the 11th inst. at the advanced age of nearly eighty-seven years. He had been in declining health for some months and consequently his death was not unexpected.

The deceased had long been actively identified with the affairs of Laurens County and no truer or more devoted son ever lived within her borders; and after a long life of usefulness (no unimportant portion of which was given to the service of his country and section) he died as he had lived—without blemish upon his character.

General Jones was possessed of a remarkably strong constitution and until late in life scarcely knew what it was to be sick; and although rather low in stature he was blessed with unusual physical powers. Endowed by nature with an active, vigorous mind, he usually acted by the promptings of his own head, though ever ready to give ear to the council and advice of friends. While quick to resent insult, he was always pleased to make amends honorably where he gave offense.

In 1835 he raised a company for the Florida war of which he was made captain and with which he served until the end of the troubles between the Federal Government and the Seminole Indians. When that war was over he returned to the peaceful pursuits of his home and plantation.

In the year 1837, he was elected to the responsible position of sheriff of his native county, in which position he served capably and faithfully for a period of four years.

In 1846, when the shadows of life were lengthening, in his fifty-second year, at the tocsin's first sound of war with Mexico, he offered his service to his county and raised a company of volunteers; but the quota called for from this State being already complete, his company was not called into service.

When the political storm arose in Kansas between the pro-slavery and anti-slavery parties in that State (then territory), although the frost of sixty-two winters had nipped and whitened his locks, he raised a company of more than one hundred men to assist his section—a cause he conscientiously believed to be right and also his duty to aid—and went thither where he remained for a considerable time.

The subject of this brief and imperfect memoir possessed an innate fondness for the military and commenced his career at an early age, advancing step by step from subordinate in citizen-soldiery to that of brigadier-general in those prosperous and brighter days of the States history, when South Carolina was justly proud of her militia.

General Jones was perhaps one of the oldest Freemasons of the county or State, and for many years was an active member of Palmetto Lodge, Ancient Free Masons, of this place and to which he belonged at the time of his death, being several years since voted a life member in said lodge.

After the Kansas troubles were passed, he returned home and again retired to more peaceful and doubtless at the time more agreeable occupations, where he spent the evening of his life in the society of his family and his friends; she who had shared with him the dangers and hardships of perturbed border life being still spared to share and comfort his last hours on earth. And when the final moments came he passed calmly away—

"Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Thus has passed away another of Carolina's land marks, a useful citizen, honored and respected by all who knew him. As a husband, loving and true; as a parent, loving and indulgent; as a friend, steadfast and true.

General Adam Crane Jones married (first), January 5, 1814, Belinda Powell. He married (second) Ann (Stowe) Musgrove, widow of Dr. Musgrove of Musgrove Mills and a relative of Mary Musgrove, the heroine in Kennedy's "Horse-Shoe Robinson." Ann (Stowe-Musgrove) Jones was the daughter of Captain Stowe, from Maine, captain of a trading vessel. She came with her father on one of his trips to Charleston and there met and fell in love with Dr. Musgrove. Her father refused to consent to their marriage, so they eloped, and she never again saw nor heard from her people.

Children of General Jones, all of the first marriage: 1. Letitia Hill, of whom further. 2. Captain W. J. M., served in Company D, 4th South Carolina Regiment, during the War Between the States. 3. Captain George, served in Company C, 1st South Carolina Regiment, during the War Between the States. 4. Colonel B. S., of whom further.

(Ibid.)

(V-A) Letitia Hill Jones, daughter of General Adam Crane and Belinda (Powell) Jones, was a woman of dignity and charm and a staunch supporter of the Confederate cause. She had a deep sympathy for those in distress, and during the war would send her slaves to work the crops and wait on the sick of the poor families whose men were at the front. When a detachment of Sherman's army were pillaging the plantation on which she lived after her marriage, a group of officers were admiring the rose garden. Upon being asked the name

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Dear Melanie,

Lady, you've done one phenomenal job on Nancy (Bobo) Holland Simpson Colbert Patton, and I hasten to reply because I "see" some things you missed, **BUT** I also was blind to others that you did see! However, let's don't feel guilty. You aren't as well versed in South Carolina estate law as I, a subject that absolutely governs understanding and ferreting out the "hidden" truths in old legal papers. I send my congratulations. In fact, I recently wrote an associate and referred to you as "the best 'Boboer' I've yet found." I had seen the Nancy Simpson/Holland deed in Sarah Nash's work many times, but I stupidly dismissed it because there was a Nancy married to a William Simpson, also a Samuel Simpson there, seemingly a son of John, that survived long past 1797. Obviously, I mistakenly just didn't "see" what you did. I could kick myself. My renown old math professor at Furman, Dr. Croxton Blackwell, once told me to always get someone else to review my important findings because things sometimes aren't as absolute as they appear. How true.

Before I fire up the old think tank, let me answer a couple of your questions. (1) No, I don't plan to write a Bobo book. I am going to do a Bobo article in this series of articles I'm doing for the Chester District Genealogical Society entitled "The Founding of a South Carolina Backcountry Society, Union County, Historical and Genealogical," started three issues back, and expected to run for years, probably to be published in book form after I'm dead and gone. When I do the Bobo article, you'll certainly get full credit. (2) No, I don't descend from the Bobos, although I'm related. They're just another family in the general area of my fascination and interest. (3) Yes, I'm snoopy. Obsessed is a better word, obsessed to learn as much as I can about many of those families.

(4) Yes, I like country music, my music appreciation covering the entire spectrum. I enjoy it all. In fact, I began an early career as a concert pianist, but just lost interest because the needed practice time interfered with my discovery of girls! I later played sax, clarinet, and guitar, but haven't touched an instrument in years. I'm well aware of Porter Wagoner, but don't remember the song you mentioned. Gosh, Porter is about as "hill" as you can get, but a likable person. I met him (and Dolly) once in Charleston and was surprised to find him quite articulate. While on the subject of music, if you haven't heard her, get a disk/tape of Mariah Carey. She has the most astounding and true voice I've ever heard, with a range and power that's nearly unbelievable.

O.K., I think that answers your questions, so let's "Bobo." Again, my hat's off to you on the subject of Nancy. No, you do not have a string untied as you stated, re Nancy. You, in fact, have it neatly tied, legally, without realizing it. I've mentioned the confusing SC estate law to you before, so lemme give you the same lesson again, re Nancy Bobo. She married Jeremiah Holland, who upped and died <u>intestate</u> in 1795. That meant his widow received 1/3 of his estate, and his children shared the other 2/3. (That law applied only from 1791 onward.) When Abraham Holland died <u>intestate</u> in 1800, the same law applied. Although Jeremiah had died five years earlier, the heirs of Jeremiah would inherit Jeremiah's share of Abraham's estate. Simply put, since his son, Jeremiah, left heirs, those heirs shared in Abraham's estate, no matter that Jeremiah was dead. No matter that Nancy

had remarried, she was Jeremiah's wife at his death, so she was entitled to 1/3 of Jeremiah's estate, and so, 1/3 of Jeremiah's part of Abraham's estate. However, if she was remarried when Abraham Holland died, her part of Abraham's estate (through Jeremiah) would belong to her then husband, John Colbert. (Nancy also inherited from Asenath Holland's intestate estate, Nancy's share of Jeremiah's share). That's confusing, but don't let it worry you because I "see" something else. Don't forget that a married woman owned nothing, so couldn't individually sign any deed or will. When Nancy "Simpson" signed those two deeds of 12/9/1802, John Colbert was dead and she had resumed the Simpson name (probably because she had the infant Simpson son in her home). Otherwise, she couldn't have signed the deeds. Also, she hadn't then married Matthew Patton. Obviously, she was getting ready to marry Patton, the reason for those deeds so that Patton wouldn't own what she was deeding away. If Patton stated he married Nancy in 1801, he was wrong, a typical example of most men forgetting important dates. I'll betcha they were married at Christmas 1802. What was it with Nancy that three men couldn't survive her charms? That speaks well for Matthew Patton because he survived whatever it was she had. Don't take this remark out of context, but if Nancy lived in our modern society, I'm sure law officials would take a close look at her three husbands dying so quickly after they married her.

Note carefully that slave deed to her son Samuel. It was worded so that if Samuel P. Simpson died the slave would come back to Nancy, but only in trust for her daughter, Sarah, so that Matthew Patton could never own it. Observe also that the slave, Lucinda, was only eight months old, not even weaned from the mother. Nancy was deeding the slave away then only to make sure Samuel received it, something she couldn't do after marriage. Why wasn't the slave mother also deeded away? Maybe the mother had died in childbirth and the baby was being wet nursed, a common occurrence.

The one book I don't have is the Laurens County Scrapbook. I had a copy, but it left with Hurricane Hugo. There were so many mistakes in it that I elected to not replace it. Be very careful of it.

If Nancy's name is not mentioned in Matthew Patton's pension papers, which I won't get for weeks, there's a way to prove her name. The last payment to a deceased veteran was paid from a separate account to his surviving spouse or heirs, the record not included in his pension account. So, Nancy's name is in Washington as his wife, but I don't think we need to go to that trouble. I wonder why Nancy didn't apply for a pension after Matthew Patton died? She was eligible for half-pay under the Federal Act of July 7, 1838, which allowed half-pay to widows that married the soldier after the war. However, as a widow, Nancy had the right to file on the service of any of her former husbands. It might pay to check to see if she applied on the service of Jeremiah Holland for some strange reason.

I'll wager that Samuel Simpson's first wife was a Wilbanks, or at least a sister to William Wilbanks' wife.

Sarah, the wife of William L. Patton, was a daughter of James and Isabella Means of Union County. His will abstract: Will BK B, pp. 405-10, sons Henry, Albert, James K., Samuel, William, Harvey; daus. Rachel Means, Sarah Patton, Minerva Foster, Dorcas Means, Isabella Means; grandchildren Sarah and Moses McRea; 23 Jan. 1839; wit. J.M. Gage, C. Gage, T.N. Dawkins. Proved 20 Dec. 1847. Codicil: "My daughter Dorcas has intermarried with Jesse Gordon; my daughter Isabella has recently married James K. Brandon, 10 Jan. 1846."

I'm well aware of Jesse Gordon. He first married Elizabeth Brock in Union County and took her to Greene County, AL, along with her two Stevens

nephews. (Not my family). Jesse, Elizabeth, and Dorcas are all buried in Greene County. If you need anymore info on them, I have it, or you can find more on the Gordons in the book, Gordons of the Deep South. I won't say too much more to avoid unnecessary information, but I've been working on the Brocks for years, a FFV from Spotsylvania County, VA, to Union County (Elizabeth Brock Gordon's aunt, Mary, married Rev. Thacker Smith Vivion; these Brocks were mixed into the Waller, Chew, Beverley, Duerson, Cammack, Curtis, Herndon, Goodloe, Harper, etc. families, many of whom came to SC). Only last week, Linda Crissinger hacked her way into a dense canebrake forest near Tuckertown in Union County to photo the Brock Cemetery with five stones remaining from 1796-1816. She sent me the photos and asked why they were grouped as two and three, with a sixty foot space between. I realized instantly that she'd found the original site of Brock's Meeting House, the first Methodist church in that county, known only before as a name in records that ceased in 1816. See what I mean about asking others to review your work? I've seen other reports of that cemetery, but none had ever mentioned that gap. EUREKA. Linda made an important discovery and didn't even realize it! In fact, other records gave an incorrect date for one of the stones.

Tillman Gregory was a son of John (d. 1819) and Rhoda Gregory of Union County. (John was a son of Isaac and Alice Gregory--Rhoda thought to be a Cain) Tillman's siblings in 1819 were Polly Porter, Jane Renfro, John, Edward, Sally, Elizabeth, Jeremiah, James, and Girard (Jared). If you want anything more on Tillman Gregory, I know where I can get it with ease. One of my friends, Hop Peak of Trinity, NC, is the leading Gregory researcher. Lemme know. I can't understand what the Tillman Gregory-Nancy Bobo Patton connection was. Sounds to me like Tillman's wife, Sarah, born 1813, may have been a daughter of Nancy Bobo? When did Matthew and Nancy Patton go to TN? The Gregorys were scattered all over Union County, a very complex family. In fact, Linda Crissinger descends from them in conjunction with her Pearsons.

I highly doubt that we'll find any Matthew Patton descendant to help. We'll have to do it on our own. Logically, Nancy Bobo is buried beside Matthew, probably unmarked. I'm taking the liberty to send your Patton and related data on to Billy White in the hope he can add to it.

I took note of your mention of Milan, TN. The Carters, Rives, McKinnys, Edwards, etc., of there are my cousins.

PLEASE send me your tale about Susan Hooker Tinsley getting the Parker man booted out of the church. That would fit in nicely with the Quanah Parker article I'm going to write. She musta been the sister of Edward Hooker, the early attorney?

WAIT ONE MINUTE, THANK YOU! I'll bet that Sarah W. Gregory, wife of Tilmon (Tillman), was a daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Holland) Rochelle, and a granddaughter of Nancy Bobo. Sarah Holland, born circa 1790, was certainly old enough to marry by 1805 onward. That particular Gregory family was seated near Fairforest Creek in the Bogansville section of Union County, the same as the Rochelles. I just wonder if the Gregorys and Rochelles were in that 1812 William Pearson wagon train to TN? Knowing the history of the westward migration, that church, Pilgrim's Rest, was appropriately named.

Strange that you and I would mention Quanah Parker in passing letters.

Gotta go. Again, you "did good!" Sure do wish I could send you something of equal importance.

Oh, one more thing. There were Harlans around Cross Keys in Union County, Quakers, their name often spelled as Holland. I wonder?

Sincerely,

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Darlington, S.C. 29532-2245
11/25/94

Dear Melanie,

Well, "lookaheah" what I found. Remember that I told you I was related to a number of persons in Carroll County, Carter, Rives, Culp, McKinney, Edwards, etc.? In 1990, I published the last book of a trilogy that contained nothing but genealogy of these many and more families. I had a friend then living in Alaska, a Carter, and she became curious about so many of those families going from Chester County, SC, to Carroll County. I guess the sun had gone down for a few weeks during that time, leaving her restless with cabin fever, so she extracted all the HH in Carroll County born in SC on the 1850 census. Note she also sorted them into numerical order. I began my winter project of filing boxes of loose pages today and discovered this in the first box (which took all day just to separate). I honestly had forgotten I had this thing. The genealogical numbers you see, I dabbled onto the sheets in 1991. Today, on the numeric list, I sat down and yellow hilited the names I recognized from Union County, SC (including Spartanburg), and pinked the ones from Chester County. Interesting as hell, pardon my Swaheli. Of course, I'm sure I missed quite a few.

Note "China" Wilder! "Ain't no" doubt in my mind whatsoever who he was! Born 1804, right on target. Note John Rochelle.

I can't get to a copier now, so am sending this on to save time. Copy if you wish and please return. I still haven't had time to get the Blackstock book and other items off to you, but promise I will next week. Poor excuse, but I've been flooded with one unimportant thing after another. I'd scheduled a visit to a copier Monday, but something else came up.

Sincerely,

Bob

Bob

P.S. If Tilmon Gregory's wife, Sarah W. (b. 1813), was a Rochelle & granddaughter of Nancy (Bobo) Patton like I think, her 1813 birth in TN would mean Nathaniel & Sarah (Holland) Rochelle went to TN ca. 1812 — right on target for the Pearson party wagon train. However, we now have the Wilders in the brew.

1820 Union Co, S.C. p. 6

153A Names of Merchants
+ annual stock in trade

Benj. J. Gregory 1,000
Barrum Bobo 8,000
Zeckariah Reid 12,000
Reuben S. Rice 3,000
Wm Rice, Tanyard - 5,000
Edward Anderson,
Gunsmith, 700
Thomas Mears,
Tanner, 380
TOTAL $ 58,900

Names of Distillers
& # of Gallons annua

Saml Chandler 300
Mordecai " - 150
Joseph Mitchel 200

James Meng,
Enumerator

Note;
Barham was #2 in Un Co in gross trade 1820. $8,000 was a heap of $ in those days.
Whiskey makers: Mordecai Chandler was my old grandpappy

DBR

11/28/94

Dear Melanie,

Your most recent package arrived this morning. Thank you. When I sold my home in '92, I boxed up many papers and books, many of which I never unpacked. Saturday, I began the task. My apartment looks like a mouse maze, but it will have to wait because all this genealogy is much more important! A couple of primary things. I have absolutely no objection to you sharing any of my data. What I fear is one of my wild theories being released as fact and it later returns to sit on my shoulder like a raven. Also, I've decided to dump all this Blackstock book and Bobo related material, with some other material, into a box and send it to you. You can then copy what you want or all. I don't want to burden you with my problems, but my eyesight prevents my driving and I have a difficult time getting to a Xerox machine and the post office, the only place I can mail anything larger than an envelope. I'm within walking distance of the library, four blocks, but too far to hand haul a stack of books there for copying. My two daughters are my lifeline for transportation, but they both have a very full personal schedule and I feel guilty about imposing on them. They do enough as it is, hauling me to the grocery store, physicians, and such. Believe me, the physicians visits alone are too much, as I have a full schedule with them. The old body is falling apart, but I can't complain because life has been a hell of an exciting ride, and I wouldn't change a thing!

Linda C. furnished me with a short note saying she was then on the way to do some research for you, so I assumed you had contacted her. I previously wrote her and told her to cut you some slack about money if you contacted her.

By now, you have the Carroll County 1850 census sheets I sent, so you may have further ideas who Tillman Gregory married.

Rachel, the wife of Spencer Bobo of the 1818 deed, wasn't a Musgrove. That Rachel Musgrove (c. 1780-6/9/1823) married George Ross Adair (12/15/1779-9/11/1850) on 6/19/1800, and had six children by him. He was twice more married, once in Gwinnett County, GA, in 1828 (he went there in 1824, probably with the Bobos and Stewarts), lastly in AL, and died in AL. They were members of Langston's Baptist Church of Laurens County that went in body to IN in about 1804, but the Adairs returned to Laurens County shortly after. He was a son of James and Rebeccah (Montgomery) Adair. Receccah Montgomery was a daughter of James and Margaret Montgomery, and she had a sister, Isabella, who had married Dr. George Ross. Dr. Ross was the physician so famous in history as attending the wounded in the Musgrove home after the Battle of Musgrove's Mill. Although I haven't attempted to confirm it, I'm sure he was the same George Ross I discovered in the Hopewell MM of Frederick County, VA, in 1761, along with many more Quaker names that came to the Musgrove's Mill area. Edward Musgrove's first mother in law, Susannah (surname unknown) Beeks then Southwood then Roberts, was also a member of that same Hopewell Unity. George R. Adair had a brother, Isaac Adair, that married a Jane Holland. Don't quote me, but I seem to remember that James Montgomery's wife, Margaret, was an Allison.

I probed slightly into the Casey family a year ago, but found nothing earth shattering. Aaron Casey (1755-1825) was a s/o Moses and Abagail (Pennington) Casey, and his wife was Sarah, surname unknown. One of their sons, James Casey, married Elizabeth Clayton (1795-1822, buried New Hope B.C. at Cross Anchor), who was a daughter of James and Mary (Farrow) Clayton.

Mary Farrow was a daughter of John and Rosannah (Waters) Farrow, the latter a sister to Col. Philemon Waters and Capt. Boardwine Waters, Sr. (d. 1782). Aren't you a member of Pinckney (Spartanburg) District Chapter, S.C. Genealogical Society? The June 1994 quarterly had some Casey info in it. If you aren't, I'll send you a copy of that quarterly. That issue also contains my infamous article "The Ladies of Selma." I'm not a member, but Dot Phifer, the Editor, was the only person I found with the courage to publish it. It contains one offensive word in a quote. If you can ignore the word, the thing is a howling scream. I often hear the word on T.V.!

About Robert Bobo. I wrote him initially and he sent me your name and address, thank God, and that of Corrine Howe. Since I had Clan Blackstock with the Howe data, I knew she couldn't help me with the Blackstock/Bobo puzzle, so wrote you. About two weeks later, I received a duplicate letter from him which confused me. He must have forgotten he'd sent the first? He did mention you'd written a number of papers on the Bobo family, but he hadn't had the time to absorb them. When Scott Johnson published his mess, I noted he often referred to that Bobo newsletter. About two months ago, I wrote Robert Bobo and asked if he'd sell me copies of all those Bobo newsletters. I've never received a reply! To answer your question, no I haven't shared any of your data with anyone, except to write Helen Womack and tell her that none of Sampson Bobo's daughters married William Blackstock, Jr., proven by you. You might call what I sent her "negative data," since she'd hunted so long for the truth. I have mentioned some fragments to Linda C., but only that which involves some of our other families. I'm not the type to gain data from someone, then shoot it off to others because I know the effort and expense involved in gaining it. When I do, as in both of the above cases, I always give the supplier full credit. Believe me, I have been plagiarized many times before, so know the feeling. I'm still steamed about something in 1990. I published something incorrect, supplied to me by a lady in CA. I actually buried an old lady still alive! A lady in Rock Hill, of no relation to the poor "buried" woman, wrote the nastiest letter you've ever read to a cousin of hers, a man in VA. The man, a complete stranger to me, sent me the letter! That horrified me, mainly because of his lack of honor and manners to violate the woman's trust. I replied to him and apologized for the error, but told him in a nice way he shouldn't share personal letters. Soon after, I received a letter from the woman, saying she, too, was horrified the man had sent me her letter, but she then flew into me like an alley cat. I wrote her a letter of apology, but told her the book had a long note of caution in the front that some of the material could be inaccurate due to being secondary data. She replied, saying she had been sent only a photocopy of the one sheet (which violated my copyright on it, but I didn't tell her so), and apologized to me, but still insisted she was "appalled" I had buried the old lady! I put the matter out of my mind. Two years later, I stumbled across a tombstone in an abandoned cemetery that I knew the man in VA would love to have, his ancestor (and that of the Rock Hill woman), so sent him the record and directions so the Rock Hill woman could find it. Two months later, he wrote an article about the stone unlocking an age old puzzle, and went into great detail praising the Rock Hill woman for finding it through dedicated research. I know for a fact, due to the location of the former cemetery deep in a forest and bramble jungle, that the woman couldn't have found it! They took my generosity and absolutely lied! I'm still steamed. I often see articles that use my basic research, but never give me credit. No, it's not a coincidence, because in many cases the research was completely novel and unique and could have

come only from my published writings. There's one such series of articles going on right now by another man in VA that's using one of my books and states the work is his personal research! How do I know? Because I made some typos that he's repeating!! He's a distant cousin and is very jealous of my work for some reason that I can't imagine. I've never done one thing to anger him, and, in fact, some years ago sent him an actual 1881 letter his great-grandmother wrote. Pardon the Swaheli, but some people are just born SOB's. I met this guy only once when he showed up for a speech I was giving, and I pegged him right then for a stuffed shirt, pompous ass, who let me know I should feel honored by his presence. I, an old country boy, have little time for such jackasses!

Let's return to the subject of Robert Bobo for a second. You'll recall that Scott Johnson quoted some of Robert Bobo's work, most specifically that mention of Absalom Bobo selling the land to J.F. Harmoning in 1791, whereby Robert Bobo had incorrectly written that the land was in Laurens County (it was in Spartanburg), thus causing mass confusion. (Note how geography sometimes in very important in genealogy.) I'm sure a copy of my letter to Scott Johnson made its way to Robert Bobo somehow. Since he elected to not reply to my last letter, I'm sure he's miffed at me. Although it was Scott Johnson to whom I gave the 101 geography and history lesson, Mr. Bobo must have felt offended because it was his information I corrected. I can understand Mr. Bobo of IN, ignorant of SC geography, making such a mistake, but I was more than horrified that Scott Johnson would repeat it because he should have known better. I know nothing of him except that he's from Greenville and should have known that land on Cedar Shoals Creek couldn't possibly be in Laurens County!

Why would Robert Bobo believe me and not you? Your knowledge of the Bobo family is far superior to mine, and it's obvious you are meticulous in your documentation. If Robert Bobo can't see that, then he needs a 101 lesson in genealogy. Further, I learned long ago that it's nearly impossible to change a person's mind after it has been contaminated with erroneous data, unless they have an open mind like yours. However, you are very unique in that. You might be surprised at how many people scoffed at me for stating Nancy Bobo married Samuel Simpson, and, more especially, for suggesting Sally Rochelle mentioned in her grandmother's will was a Rochelle. Oh no, they all screamed, she was Sally Rachel. Most thought the two had the given names of Sally Rachel and Samuel Simpson, surname unknown!

Thank you for keeping an open mind, accepting my views, & preserving my suspicions darling!

By all means, as I mentioned earlier, share anything I tell you with anyone you wish, but please, if it's a theory of mine, be sure to include that warning. Linda C. and I call it "GF" for "gut feeling." And, I often get many GF's, a few of which actually prove to be true! Amazing!

Padgett's Creek B.C. was in Union County at Cross Keys, not in Spartanburg County as you mentioned. I'll throw the inventory of that cemetery into that box for you, your "care" package. You might "see" some names I've missed. You'll have to excuse my notes on the sheets. Just as soon as I can quick view it, I'll also later send you the microfilm of the minutes of New Hope B.C. at Cross Anchor, dating from 1834, which should interest you highly since it was the main Baptist church there. Earlier records burned. I've had the thing for two months, but haven't had time to get to a viewer.

So, they hung Lovick Rochelle? Next time you're in contact with Barbara Cunningham, ask her what she knows about Elizabeth, the second wife of John Rochelle III? He first married Sarah Winter, which I mentioned to you in a previous letter, but I wasn't aware of his other two marriages. Union

County records indicate Sarah (Winter) Rochelle was dead by 1823. Ms. Cunningham's records indicate he married, thirdly, 8 April 1843. I'm looking for an Elizabeth Stevens (Mrs.) that made a Union County 1823 deed and sold all of her belongings to her four children, obviously getting ready to remarry. She supposedly died in 1843. She was my old granny and I've never been able to find to whom she remarried, where she went, or when and where she died exactly. John Rochelle III fits the bill exactly due to age, dates, location, name, etc.

Well, it's logical Lewis Bobo would name a son as Lewis, but illogical he wasn't named in the will. I'm guessing the Lewis Bobo in Franklin County, GA, was a grandson of Old Lewis of Union County. Actually, I stopped researching the Lewis Bobo line and am saving it for last. Oh, thrill!

I'll mail the box off to you this Friday, Dec. 2.

Sincerely,

Bob

P.S. Speaking of plagiarism, lemme mention another incident that still burns me. My great-grandfather, Capt. W.H. Edwards, is probably the most often quoted historian of Chester County. In 1906, he published a book on the history of the 17th Regiment in which he'd fought. One of the battles was Second Manassas. He mentioned that more SC blood had been spilled there than in any other place. That made me curious, so I did a lot of research and discovered he was right. I reviewed all the battles of the entire war and the battle losses, a project I'm sure you can imagine the effort it took. He was correct! I found that his command took a 66.9% loss at Second Manassas, giving them the dubious distinction of ranking #8 in battle loss for the entire Confederate Army during the whole war! The 1st Texas was #1, taking an 82.3% loss at Antietam. When I published the Captain Bill books, I listed the eight regiments, their battle loss percent, and the battles. Obviously, the research was mine and it wasn't obtained easily. Last year, a Presbyterian minister (of all people) in NC wrote a long article covering that same information, gave my same exact percentage findings, but listed Captain W.H. Edwards as his source! He took my work and published it again, but tried to hide it by using my great-grandfather's name! Such a person shouldn't be allowed in a pulpit! No, I said nothing. My work in that field is known well enough that any serious historian would immediately realize the man had stolen it. Besides, Captain Edwards' work is also well known and any reader would know he gave no battle loss percentages.

Therefore I become my book was under copyright & Capt. Edwards' wasn't. Pretty sneaky of the good preacher, huh?

P.P.S. You really blew my mind by telling me Susannah Hooker Tinsley was Zadock Hooker's sister! I can give you a lot of info on that complex family, but I guess you already have it. I've seen Amelia "Millie" (Allen) Hooker's stone many times in Union, d. 1824 with only the one child, She then 20 years old. Zadock remarried to Mary Ann Moorman, widow of Col. James Moorman, & went to Miss. in

1837. I don't know too much about the General Hooker family, only because of Jadock's marriage to Amelia Allen, then M. A. Moorman, the latter tying him to many Union Co. kin. Also, Amelia was of "low" kin to me due to her sister marrying William Gaston Downs of Chester Co.

It's a long & complex genealogy from his last marriage, tying him to many Union Co. families. I seem to recall one of Amelia's sisters married a Farley. He was of some close kin to - well, I can't recall this name now, but he was of E B Stuart's scout - William (Something) Farley. My mind went blank! Oh, Wm. Downs Farley? I'm too lazy to get up & look.

Moormans tied to Farr, de Graffenried, Gilham, Thomas, Nelson, Sims, Glenn, & you name it.

12/5/94

Hey,

We may have hit a lucky streak. In the Union County Coroner's Inquisitions, I found a Dr. Samuel P. Simpson listed in 1859, the only time his name appears, suggesting he may have lived in Spartanburg County. There's no doubt in my mind who he was! In the mid-1970's, Walnut Grove Plantation erected markers to all former prominent Spartanburg County physicians. I've already written Linda C. to inquire if SPC might have been so honored, which will give us his dates. That's how Linda C. found my family. My uncle, "Uncle Doc" as I called him, Dr. Charner Leroy Stevens, my dad's older brother, had practiced in Spartanburg County all his life, from the end of WWI until his death, and died just before those stones were erected, so was included. I guess Uncle Doc was the last of a now dead breed, an 'Old Country Doctor" at Campabello. Linda noticed the name and began hunting. Linda and her mother have both been guides there for years, Ruby Lee about a hundred! Uncle Doc was rather wealthy, had no kids, so was always lavish with his gifts to me. He left me a lot of original Stevens land in his will, but his widow forged a codicil and stole it. All that's another story.

I also seem to recall there was a book published on the bios of all Sptg. Co. physicians of old, which just might include SPS. I've also asked Linda about that, but my memory may be playing tricks on me. Next time at Clayton, look. His bio would give us a lot of info we need.

I found record of an 1812 Spartanburg case, Jesse Wilder suing William Newman. Also, 1823 Union Co. equity case, A.W. Thompson et al, vs. Nathaniel Gist and John Rochell, the land and slaves of John Rochell to be sold on 2/28/1823 to satisfy mortgage. It appears that John Rochell mortgaged the land and slaves, and maybe Nathaniel Gist stood security. Spencer A. Bobo must have bought the land, he a son of Barham Bobo. In 1830, Edward Stevens bought that land, 1000 acres called "Shady Grove" near Cross Keys, from Spencer A. Bobo and the deed mentioned it was the former land of John Rochell. That's when Spencer A. Bobo took off for Miss. When Edward Stevens died in 1832, I note the estate sale included a large piece of furniture to one of the Bobos. I've always thought it was a piece Spencer left behind and the Bobo family bought it back. I'll have to dig into my records for that info. Edward Stevens was of no kin to me that I know, but I know all of his history.

In a huge rush. More later. Lemme know if the books arrived safely.

Bye,

Bob

Bob

I'm in no hurry about the Blockstock book, but I'd appreciate the return of all the other material ASAP. I just heard from a Fran Laird, Bel Air, MD, about Tenn. families at Flat Creek. Some of what she needs is in that Pearson book. From what she said, I've realized some of my Chester Co. lineage was also there! I have some very old letters from there.

Will dig out & review soon.

GE

12/7/94

Dear Melanie,

Thank goodness, this note is not going to confuse the Bobo saga any, but your Rochelle contacts may be interested in knowing they've missed one, Patience Rochelle. There's no doubt in my mind she was a daughter of John and Mary Patience (Thomas) Rochelle, but it may never be proved because she died prior to her parents and left no heirs.

Enclosed is a brief article on the Farrow family to show you how she fits in. This article is nothing more than a rehash of the inaccurate Waters book, but basically correct. I can expand any of the information should you need it.

To place Patience Rochelle by date, I'll give you the birth dates of the children of Thomas Farrow, and you can fit Patience into that.

Thomas Farrow and Rebecca Ward had:
- John Waters Farrow, b. 1777, married Emma Burns.
- Rebecca Farrow, b. 1780, married a Smith, then a Styles.
- Rosanna Farrow, b. 1782, married, 1804, Caleb Woodruff, a son of Joseph and Anne (Lindsey) Woodruff.
- Mary Farrow, b. 1784, married John Dean, a son of Joel and Mary (Brockman) Dean. (His brother, Alfred, married Jane Bobo, daughter of Absalom and Ann Musgrove Bobo.)

Thomas Farrow then married Patience Rochelle.
Thomas Farrow then married Anna (Patillo) Harrison and had:
- Patillo Farrow, b. 1796, married Jane Strother James.
- Nancy Farrow, b. 1798, married 1st cousin Samuel Farrow, son of Landon and Rachel (Walker) Farrow.

As seen, Patience Rochelle fits in between 1784 and 1795. There's no doubt of her name and the marriage as it's well recorded in the Farrow family history. Due to her death before her parents, and the fact she left no children, is probably why the Rochelle researchers have missed her.

Dr. Richard Harrison was one of the first county judges of Spartanburg County in 1785. I'm sure you're aware of Rev. Henry Patillo of NC, the great Presbyterian Divine. Rev. Patillo had three sons that married three Harper sisters in NC, all sisters to Robert Goodloe Harper so prominent in the early Laurens and Spartanburg area, later to Baltimore where he finally founded Liberia to send all the slaves home! All of this genealogy gets mind bending confusing, has nothing to do with the Bobos, so I won't continue.

Sincerely,

Bob

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THE WATERS AND FARROWS FAMILIES

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In the State of South Carolina, during the contest for liberty in the American Revolution, there were two families who most uniquely typified the spirit and determination of the oppressed American Colonists of those times. These two families were the Farrows of Spartanburg and Laurens Counties, and the Waters of Newberry County, South Carolina.

Also known as the fighting Farrows, this particular family consisted of five sons, four of whom aligned themselves with the cause of liberty and independence. The fifth son was too young to enlist and could only serve to warn the combatant members of his family of the approach of the Tories. The four sons who served were John, Landon, Samuel and Thomas.

John Farrow Sr., the father of the four soldiers, was born in Prince William County, Virginia, where he married in 1750-51 **Rosanna Waters**, (born June 1, 1734) the daughter of Philemon Waters Sr. (1711-1779) and Sarah Bordroyne (1709-1792). Rosanna had one sister, Sarah, (born 1742) who married John Head, and three brothers, twin Philemon Jr. who married Mary Berry, Thomas (born 1738) and ~~William~~ (~~born 1740~~). Bordroyne (over)

Mr. Farrow died in North Carolina of smallpox in 1776 while enroute from Virginia to his home at Enoree, South Carolina. This tragically left Rosanna to care for her family of eight alone. The children were:

Sarah Farrow - born 29 Dec 1752, married Thomas Miles.

Thomas Farrow - born 5 Feb 1755 in Prince William County, Virginia and died 31 Dec 1843 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. He was a gallant captain in the Revolution, fighting at the Battles of Cowpens, Kings Mountain and Musgroves Mill. Captain Farrow was married three times - to Miss Rebecca Ward, to Patience Rochelle, and to Mrs. Anna Pattillo Harrison, widow of Dr. Richard Harrison. After the death of Rebecca, he married Patience, but she died leaving no children. He then married Anna, daughter of Rev. Henry Pattillo. N.C. (over)

John Farrow - born 1 Oct 1757 in Prince William County, Virginia and died 4 Aug 1843 in Laurens County, South Carolina. John was a true Patriot who fought along with his other three brothers. At one time when his brother, Captain Thomas, was wounded by Tories on the Tyger River on 1 April 1782, he remained with him as a guard until he recovered. John Farrow was at the battles of Cowpens, Musgroves Mill and the siege of Ninety-Six. He married Miss Brown, who died 27 Apr 1827.

Landon Farrow - born 6 Jan 1759 in Prince William County, Virginia and died 12 May 1799 in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He served as a Lieutenant under Captain Benjamin Roebuck and Colonel Brandon. After being captured and jailed at the Battle of Ninety-Six, he was held aboard a prison ship at Charleston until he was exchanged. His home was a military station against the Tories and at one point he was wounded. He married Miss Rachael Walker, who died in 1843. (Rev. Hezekiah Walker)

Samuel Farrow - born 8 June 1762 in Prince William County, Virginia and died 17 Nov 1824 at Columbia. He was a captain under Col. Roebuck in the fall of Charleston in 1783. After the war he served as Lt. Governor of South Carolina from 1810 to 1816, in the 13th Congress, member of South Carolina House of Representatives from 1816 to 1821 at which time he concluded his public service. He married Elizabeth W. Herndon, daughter of Col. Benjamin Herndon of Union County, South Carolina.

Melanie, Keep this - I have no use for it.

Boardman Waters, Capt. of Horse, was murdered in 1782 by Tories, leaving widow, Elizabeth, & 8 children.

Thomas Farrow m. Anna (Pattillo) Harrison about 1795, so Patience Rochelle had died prior to that date.

Mary Farrow - born 25 Nov 1764 in Prince William County, Virginia, died 7 Dec 1843 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. She married James Clayton (6 Apr 1766 - 8 Feb 1830).

Jane Farrow - born 1 Aug 1768 in Virginia and died 28 Jul 1828 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, married Rev. Spencer Bobo, a Baptist minister (29 May 1767 - 20 Feb 1816).

William Farrow - born 3 Apr 1771 in Virginia and died in 1852 in Marshall County, Mississippi, married his first cousin Rhoda Waters, daughter of Col. Philemon Waters Jr. and Mary Berry Waters.

Rosanna, a patriot herself, was instrumental in saving the lives of three of her sons who were captured in an engagement with the enemy and confined in the jail in Ninety Six, the then British Post. She, at hearing the news of her sons' incarceration, rode by herself to the encampment of friendly troops and arranged, with the help of the American Commander, the exchange of her sons for six British prisoners of war. After acquiring these prisoners and an American soldier for a guard, she then rode to the British fort and made the exchange with Col. Cruger, who at the time was the commandant of the enemy British encampment. This daring act, recorded in history, has endeared her not only to her kindred, but to every true American woman.

After the war, Rosanna Waters Farrow lived on at her home near Cross Anchor and finished raising her remaining children. She died after 1790 (probably 1791). Her final resting place is currently being considered for renovation by the family. She is buried with her son Landon, his wife Rachael, their sons and daughters, and other members of her family in a burial plot on the old family plantation near Enoree, South Carolina.

Not to be outdone by his twin sister's heroic deeds and accomplishments, **Philemon Waters Jr.** distinguished himself by being a regiment commander in the Revolution. At one time or another, each of the Farrow sons served under their uncle, who was a colonel under General Pickens in the South Carolina militia. An acquaintance of George Washington at the age of twenty, he also fought in the French and Indian War at Forts Necessity and Duquesne, and was a litter bearer for the ill fated General Braddock (wounded fatally at the Battle of the Great Meadows). Some of his military activities are documented in the writings of the Annals of Newberry in Chapter 13, pages 179-185.

After the struggle for independence was over, Waters assumed a position of surveyor, and many of the grants in Newberry District were surveyed by himself and William Caldwell. They both located the Court House Square of Newberry County. He was a County Court Judge from 1785 to 1791. Col. Waters was also a member of the Legislature and a participant of the convention that ratified the Constitution of the United States. (These positions and appointments are also written in the Annals of Newberry in Chapter 2, pages 13-16).

When George Washington in 1791 made the tour of the southern states, Waters met him at Juniper, in Lexington County on his way to Columbia from Augusta. It was a meeting of brother soldiers who faced together many dangers and shared many difficulties.

Colonel Waters married **Mary Berry** (1740-1791) in 1759, while in Charleston. The old family record contains the names of four of their eight children as follows:

Bordroyne Waters - born 22 Feb 1760 and died 19 Mar 1760
Thomas John Waters - born 27 Mar 1763 and died 9 Sept 1770
Charlotte Waters - born 21 July 1766 and died 2 Oct 1766
Sarah Waters - born 21 Dec 1769

These children were all born, lived, died and were buried in Charleston, South Carolina. (This is confirmed by the Register of the Parish of St. Phillip Church in Charleston.)

Rhoda Waters - born 1773 and died 1843, married her first cousin William Farrow (1768-1852) of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Rosanna Waters - born 1772 and died 1845, married Col. John Summers (1753-1836).

Philemon Berry Waters - born 1780 and died 1807, married Sarah Gilliam in 1803.

Wilks Berry Waters - born 1783 and died 1849 in Butler County, Alabama, married Nancy Manning in 1806. (She died in 1864.)

Colonel Philemon Waters Jr. died 29 Mar 1796 and was buried on his plantation near the mouth of the Bush River on the Saluda River, but the precise location of the grave cannot be ascertained now. In later years relatives have made efforts to locate the spot for the purpose of placing a suitable marker, but the old graveyard like many others, has been cultivated over and obliterated with time.

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ED.NOTE: A choice coincidence has occurred this period for FARROW researchers! Three members sent information that pertains to this family, all links in the chain! The Landon Farrow below was the son of John Farrow, Sr. The Thomas Farrow (Pinckney Dist. Writ) was another son. Your editor had a family sheet for Rosannah Farrow, the wife of Caleb Woodroof and daughter of the Thomas above in family records. **This is how we can help each other!!!!** Thanks to W.C. Wetzel, Larry Vehorn and Mike Becknell! Look in **YOUR** files! What can **YOU** share?

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FAMILY RECORD OF LANDON AND RACHEL FARROW
included in Revolutionary War Pension File W 21088

Transcribed by Larry Vehorn, P.O.Box 58821, Houston, TX 77258-8821

First half of page:

Landon Farrow was born the 6 day of jenery [sic] 1759
Sarah Farrow was born the 7 day of december 1782
Chana Farrow was born the 10 day of jenery [sic] 1785
Samuel Farrow was born the 17 day of febery [sic] 1787
Rachel Farrow was born the 1 day of febery [sic] 1789
Sele Farrow was born the 30 day of jenery [sic] 1791
Landon Farrow was born the 22 day of may 1793
William Farrow was born the 23 day of may 1795
Casse Farrow was born the 8 day of may 1797
Landon Water [Waters Farrow] was Born 7th day of May 1799

Second half of page:

Landon Farrow and **Rachel** was maried [sic] by the Reverent [sic] hezekier walker jenery [sic] 1782 (her brother).
L. F. Deceased on Satterday [sic] May 12th 1799
Landon Farrow Junr deceasd [sic] June ye 5th day 1801

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Dear Melanie,

I'm still in a state of shock. Are you aware this Edwards paper was written in Darlington? It mentions the information was given to George H. Edwards in 1895 by Claudia Rebecca (Edwards) Murray, but it also states he died in 1942, so it must have been written by one of his children. Look on page 3 and you'll find Rebecca, a daughter of Zachariah and Nancy (Bobo) Edwards, who lived in Anderson and died in 1909. So, the paper was written after 1942 by someone. Page 5 details George H. Edwards of Darlington.

The home where George H. Edwards was born on the corner of Pearl and Washington Streets was a huge affair, three stories tall, a beautiful structure with many dormers, torn down only last year. It was a "junque" or plunder shop business when I first came to Darlington in 1962, shortly after boarded up and left to die. It worried me to see such a magnificent old home die, and I inquired, but was informed it was tied up in estate taxes. (I then owned a company that restored antique homes.) The Wilds home to which George H. Edwards moved when a lad, Pearl Street, was another showplace in its day, called "The Widow's Home" when I arrived in Darlington. I was informed two old widow sisters had lived in it, they having died long before my arrival, and the home was then captured in the clutches of vines and falling down. Knowing the propensity for confused and incorrect English grammar in Darlington, they were probably two spinster sisters. My second wife, Janice, had lived in it as a child. It, too, went to the wrecking ball years ago and was replaced with a shopping mall. I'm unsure which home he occupied on Broad Street when he died.

I just can't get over the surprise of knowing so many local persons that are Bobo descended, not just in Darlington, but even to knowing such Darlingtonians from elsewhere. What really blows my mind is that my last wife's mother was a Wilson, so I guess I spent a few years sleeping with a Bobo? One of the Lides from here is still studied about in state law schools because of his record. A legal genius, he became embroiled in an estate fight with his widowed step-mother. The case finally went to the S.C. Supreme Court and Lide appeared before the bench wearing nothing but a bed sheet like a toga. It had something to do with him trying to compare his case with that of Julius Ceaser. He was allowed to argue his case so dressed, but he lost!

Caroline Dick, on page 8, was my cousin through her mother, a Hutchinson, from York County, her mother having been a granddaughter of Issac McFadden. Caroline married Dr. Rion McKissick as noted, a Bobo/Foster descendant. Dr. McKissick was once President of the University of South Carolina. After he died, she remarried to a prominent attorney of Columbia, a Mr. Belser, then in extreme old age, another legal beagle, a Mr. Dial. Are you ready for this? Caroline and my late mother, distant cousins, were VERY close friends throughout life! They served on many state civic boards together. One of their hobbies was furnishing old-time Southern recipes to national cookbooks for fund raising. Caroline always signed as "Caroline McKissick Belser," and Mom as "Mrs. J. Goodlow Stevens." I have a box full of those books published all over the South, mainly in this state, Tennessee, and Georgia. And, yes, my daughters and I often use those recipes for special occasions. The favorite one, I think, is Sewanee Something? I can't recall and the books are at my daughter's home for this Christmas season, where

I dined on Christmas Eve. Anyway, the last I heard of Caroline was in 1985, aged ninety. I'm sure she must be dead by now. Somehow, I now can't recall, Mary Boykin Chestnut, author of the Diary from Dixie, was somehow mixed into Caroline's family in York County. I think she was Caroline's aunt. I just can't recall. I have all that info here somewhere, but don't have the courage to look for it. I was SO delighted when Ken Burns elected to use Mary's Diary from Dixie in his television series on the Civil War.

The portrait of Zachariah Edwards must be still in Darlington. I'll attempt to find it and get us photos. Good Lord, there might be one of Nancy Bobo. I just can't believe all of this! Didn't I tell you we were going to set the Bobo world on fire?

There's a huge Edwards section in the local city cemetery, Grove Hill, so I'll hike over there one sunny day and get us all the inscriptions. Some years past, Horace Rudisill published a book with photos, Darlingtonia. Until now, I wasn't interested in it, so never bought one, although I looked through it once. I seem to recall someone once showing me another book, photos only, of old Darlington homes and places, and I'll look into that.

Do you own a copy of Dr. Landrum's History of Spartanburg County? If not, you sure need one. The Reprint Company of Spartanburg recently announced a republication. Lemme know if you want the address. I really need to buy another, as my copy is falling to pieces from over use, and a rescued drowned victim of Hurricane Hugo.

Hey, good news. The girl in Utah, a Sampson Bobo Chandler of Texas descendant, is again genealogically active! I received a nice card and note from her, and she's found another son of S.B.C., a James Chandler (B. 1856), buried in Idaho, a (real) gold miner! She even took her family to the grave and had a picnic! Am I losing you with this subject? I can't recall if I informed you of the Sampson Bobo Chandler puzzle and saga. PLEASE lemme know.

Lie check into this.

I think you're right in the fact the Edwards paper confused "Van Patton" with Capt. Matthew Patton. He did live near Pacolet when in Union County. I can't imagine where the Mrs. Murray came up with the name of "Malvina." It's too far removed from "Nancy" to be a mistake, and Nancy was usually a nickname for "Ann." Ann-Nan-Nancy, usually originating from an immature child's inability to pronounce the name.

Will wonders never cease? The latest article Linda and I published, which appeared in December, was on the Quaker family of Smith from Pennsylvania to Union County, SC., nearly all having come to SC as married adults, one having been David Smith who married Hannah Hobbs. Another was his sister, who married William Lee of VA and they came to the Tyger River. I received last week a letter from Ann Marion of Chester, a very respected historian, who added more to that subject. Mrs. Marion and I have met on occasions, but never worked together. According to her, William Lee's son, Thomas, first married Hannah Murphy, who died sometime before 1789, a daughter of Simon and Sally (Duke) Murphy, and they had children. Thomas Lee then married Sarah Smith, daughter of David and Hannah (Hobbs) Smith, and had more children. At some later time, he went to TN. The name "Bird" has been in nearly every generation of the Murphy family in Union County, supposedly having come from THE William Byrd of Hanover County, VA. Ann Marion sent me some pages from a Lee book, which claim that Richard Murphy was stolen in England as a child, brought to America, and indentured to William Byrd. Upon reaching maturity, he married Mary Byrd, after which she was disowned by her family. Further, that Lee book claims that the William Lee that came to Union County was descended from Richard Lee of VA, who was, of course,

the progenitor of Lighthorse Harry and Robert E. I have enough to do without digging around into all of that. Jeannette Christopher told me about ten years ago not to believe that William Byrd tale, that the Bird name in the Murphy family had come from the Birds who also settled on the Tyger River. If so, than who were those Birds?

Did I send you a list of the 1850 census of Carroll County, TN, showing those born in SC? Please don't forget to return it, as it was the only one I had.

I'll be back in touch later.

Sincerely,

Bob

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Dear Melanie,

All I can say is "Gee Whiz, Kid, my mouth is still hanging open!" I once tried to tie the Edwards of Darlington to my Edwards family of Chester County, but found no link, so explored no further. Now, I see. The paper you sent reads like a Who's Who of Old Darlington, the creme de creme of the aristocracy here, the Harts, Wilds, Wilsons, McIvers (pronounced Mac Keever), Coggshells, Cokers, Lides (Lloyds), nearly all of them now descending from my ancestral uncle, Johannes Kolb (an uncle to my Hans Casper Kolb/Culp of Chester County), who came from Germany to Pennsylvania in 1707, then on to the Great Pee Dee River near present Society Hill, S.C., in 1739, where he established the first Baptist church in interior S.C. He was accompanied by a group of Welchmen from Maryland, all of them Baptists, causing the area to become known as the Welch Neck Tract, thus the Welch Neck Baptist Church, still active in Society Hill! (The river had a sharp bend there, a "neck," now known as "Kolbs Neck" or on some maps as "Cobbs Neck.") Johannes later moved his family down river a few miles, where they established a ferry which became known as "Cash a Way Ferry" due to the fee charged. There, they established Cashaway Baptist Church, where many of them were buried. The name evolved into Cashua, and there is now a Cashua Street in Darlington and a Cashua Ferry Road in Florence that leads from those cities to that area. Did I send you a copy of Captain Bill III, which makes slight mention of this? The group remaining at Kolbs Neck, on the west bank of the Great Pee Dee, so in present Marlboro County, also fled the swamp fevers by crossing the river and occupying an eastern high hill about a mile away, now Society Hill in present Darlington County. Much of this is covered in Gregg's History of the Old Cheraws. Located at the original Kolbs Neck family cemetery stood a stone to Col. Abel Kolb, the great Revolutionary hero, but was recently destroyed by vandals. He was a grandson of Johannes, and he had a sister that married Joshua Edwards. I now suspect the John Edwards who went to Spartanburg County in 1795 was from this same Welch Neck family, the reason his descendants later returned to marry Darlington County people. You, My Dear, may have opened up a huge can of worms! After Christmas, I'm going to send you a huge genealogical chart, and you'll see what I mean. If you want a copy, you'll probably have to find a blueprint company due to the size.

Your information answered a question I've had for quite a few years. I had an older friend here, Bob Edwards, who owned the Chevrolet dealership. He became involved in some business deals best not stated, which led to his financial ruin. He packed up bag and baggage and moved to Spartanburg, where he died a few years ago. When I asked a mutual friend why he went to Spartanburg, I was informed he had family there. Since, I often wondered about that, and now I see!

I'm sure you've never heard of the town of Hartsville in Darlington County, founded by the Harts, but I'm sure you've heard of Sonoco Products, a Fortune 500 company there, founded by the Coker family, married into the Harts, also of Coker Seed Company, and of Coker College, all there. One of my late fascinating friends, who died last year at extreme age, was Elizabeth (Boatright) Coker, Board Chairman of Sonoco, and her son, Charlie Coker, has just retired as COE. Mrs. Coker was also a celebrated novelist.

Mrs. Coker, a native of Darlington, was quite a character, nearing ninety at death, but drove a bright yellow Corvette! Many was the time she'd pass my home with the top down, honking loudly and waving at me in the yard, her long white hair flying in the wind, and the engine screaming! (She drove like a bat out of hell!) She was the Queen of Hartsville, eccentric. If she couldn't find a parking space, she just leave the car in the street and let the cops direct traffic around it! A ticket? Certainly not! She was Elizabeth Boatright Coker! I once saw her park that Corvette so close to the Hartsville Post Office door that she blocked it, then stood there chatting with me on the sidewalk while others stood and waited for her to finish and move her car. SHE WAS A CHARACTER! (I wish there were more like her in this world.) I sure wish I had known about this Bobo-Edwards connection in Darlington before Mrs. Coker died. She would have LOVED it.

After Christmas, I'm going to get with my friend Horace Rudisill, Darlington County Historical Director, and attempt to find who Joshua Edwards was. He and Ann James Kolb had four children before he died, then she remarried to Enoch Evans, a Revolutionary soldier, and had more children. One of her Edwards daughters, Sarah, married James Hart, and their son, Thomas Edwards Hart, married Hannah Lide, a daughter of Major Robert Lide and fourth wife, Mary Westfield. Major Robert Lide had earlier been married to Sarah Kolb, daughter of Johannes Kolb. Major Robert Lide was another great Revolutionary hero here, having helped to defend Charleston in 1780. Written history states his then wife, Sarah Kolb, received incorrect news that he had been killed and she dropped dead. That is wrong because I found their gravestones at Cashaway Cemetery. He and his last two wives are buried there, their stones destroyed recently.

The Capt. John W. (Wilson) Carlisle mentioned in the Edwards history was a law partner of Simpson Bobo and O.E. Edwards in Spartanburg. He married Louisa Bobo, Simpson's daughter.

In a recent letter from a lady in Maryland, she mentioned having a history of Panola County, Mississippi, in which the Bobos and Fosters are mentioned. I'm now trading her data, so will have that soon. Would you believe my McFaddens married into the Normans in Tennessee and Arkansas, those same Normans that went from Union County in 1812? Of course, I knew of the Norman name in the McFaddens there, but never realized it was the Union County family! My God, will it ever end? I have a chart here that some loony once sent me tracing her family back to God through Adam and Eve. I'm beginning to think she wasn't so loony after all.

I once had a business in Society Hill and could look out of a window over the Great Pee Dee River swamp to Kolbs Neck. I often stood there, starting, and thinking about the Kolb history with no iota of any hint it could be Bobo connected!

Give me time to study this Edwards material and I'll be in touch. Again, thank you. Lady, you and I are gonna set the Bobo world on fire before we finish!

Merry Christmas,

Bob

Bob

Note: Zach & Nancy's 1st child was named Oliver Evans Edwards. See above – Ann J. Kolb's 2nd hubby an Evans Rev. Oliver Hart also in the family. Zach Edwards was somehow connected to Joshua Edwards, I'd bet my soul.

This Edwards paper wasn't written by
H. Edwards, but by one of his children in
Darlington 7 1942. I'll explain later.

Dear Melanie,

I've had time to study the Edwards paper and I think I can shed some light where needed.

I think George H. Edwards began compiling the facts about 1895, then wrote it sometime after 1908. After his death, some member of his family added to it, typed it, what we now have.

I think I can answer the "Van Patton" riddle. There was a Van Patten Shoals on the Enoree River. Mrs. Murray remembered the Patton name, also that of Van Patten Shoals, and confused them.

In Dr. Landrum's History of Spartanburg County, he mentioned "Angie Edwards" taught at New Prospect School in 1859, along with Louis Perrin Foster. No doubt she was Angelina Catherine Edwards. I'm now trying to locate her burial place and that of her sisters in Spartanburg County.

2/11/95

Horrors, I started the above a month ago, but never concluded it, only now finding it on the disk.

Actually, as for Bobo, I went into remission. Around Christmas, I rec'd a mass of material for other families, and that occupied weeks of my time. I also had a 2/1 deadline for an article, but ran into photo problems and that took two weeks.

Your package arrived this A.M. Thank you. So, you and Mom went to a Marty Party? I wish he'd put some meat on those skinny bones. Something I recently heard on the morning news cracked me up for some reason: that the band Confederate Railroad had hired three scant clad girls to dance around the stage, named the Trashettes; and, so, George Jones followed suit, and named his the Possumettes; and Mel Tillis joined in and named his the Stutterettes. I'll never forget my first and only trip to the Grand Ole Oprey when I was about eighteen, then in the old hall in town. God, I could write a humorous book about that excursion.

You were wise not to pursue the subject of the Jack Daniels formula with the little lady! Actually, if you know anything about the corn whiskey sour mash process, they're all alike. It comes from sprouting corn and grinding to make the malt, using no sugar. I've tasted sour mash corn beer, and it's horrible, too sour to drink. In the original stills, a "thumper" was used, a primitive reflux device, and double distillation. I assume the modern commercial stills use a reflux column and make only one run? Years ago, a friend and I bought six gallons of real sour mash "moonshine" we knew to be excellent, charred our own barrel, and put it on a rocking chair under his home, telling his kids to rock it a few seconds daily. It turned out to be great stuff!

Did you receive the Kolb chart? <u>Please</u> tell me you did. You made no mention of it.

Oh yes, it will be <u>our</u> article, and you're wise to hold the info. Actually,

if you'll agree, you'll do most of the writing as a guest author. That's guest, not ghost, so you'll get full credit. The CDGS allows me 8-10 pages per issue, not enough to cover the entire Bobo subject, so it will have to be serialized. I suggest doing each line from the four S.C. brothers separately, but I'm open to all suggestions. The line of Sampson in itself will certainly take more than one article. If we're gonna do it, we're gonna do it right.

Aggggggggggggggggggggggggggg. I have purposely refrained from taking you into the Lewis Bobo genealogy yet, and here you not only send that, but a mass of GA data that blows my mind! (The Andrea MS.) I'll sort out what I can. I've always been a bit skeptical that Lewis Bobo's wife was a Solomon, as I've never seen any proof. I've long thought someone jumped to that conclusion because of the son named Solomon (Biblical). I could be wrong, and she could have been a Salmons. What scares me re Bobo is that we've proved many traditions wrong, long accepted as truth, so I'm scared to accept anything without proof.

With all due respect to Rev. Spencer Bobo, about suing his mother, I understand that some things have to be done in a legal manner, but I just can't see going to court to solve a family problem. I'm reminded of my grandfather, Joseph Goodloe Stevens, Sr., who died unexpectedly and intestate owning a 750 acre plantation. He left a widow and seven children. His estate was not settled for nearly fifty years, nor the land divided, until after his widow died in 1955. My father handled the plantation finances, and, each year, the money was divided, giving 1/3 to his mother and the rest divided accordingly. You can bet I remember it well because each fall was our "Christmas time." That's when the timber was selectively cut each year on bid basis, and we had "new found" money to really splurge; new car, clothes, etc. My education in private schools came from that timber, usually sold as pole timber to the Koppers Company, and grossing well over $100,000 annually, a huge sum in those days. Even after the land was divided, the timber was cut on the entire acreage and the money divided to each owner by my father. I finally sold my share of that land in 1985. Now you can see why it upsets me that Rev. Bobo sued his own mother over land! Just to show you the trust in our family, my Uncle Ernest Stevens' daughter, Sarah Jane, got married in about 1945 and wanted to build a home. The family held a meeting, told Sarah Jane to pick out about 30 acres and build; that in the final division they'd make sure her father's share of the land included her home and land. There were no documents, only trust. Sarah Jane built, and after the land was finally divided she got a deed from her father. In fact, she ended up owning all of her father's share because her only brother was murdered in a robbery, and her only sister didn't need the land and gave her share to Sarah Jane. That's the way to settle land division, not in a court. However, there's always the rotten apple. I had a childless uncle in Spartanburg County that left his share of that land to his nephews and nieces (10 of us), but his widow forged a codicil to his will and sold it to one of the witnesses to the forgery, a land developer! By the time we discovered it (actually Linda C. found it), a few families had built homes on the land and we had no desire to injure innocent people, so did nothing.

I suspect that William Wilder's estate is in Union County. I know he was living in that county in older age. Also, I suspect that Susannah was his second wife, the first one (Bobo) having died before 1812, but he may have

had children by both. As for that deed he made to Harmoning, it was actually a mortgage and, at the time, didn't need a dower inclusion. Since the deed was filed, I assume the mortgage was defaulted: notice no dower inclusion. I still highly suspect the stone "W.W., died 1/16/1835, aged 70 years" in New Hope Cemetery (Cross Anchor) is William Wilder. He's buried beside my ancestors, Mordecai and Elizabeth (Musgrove) Chandler, and only a few stones from Rev. Spencer and Jane (Farrow) Bobo in another row. I still haven't viewed the New Hope microfilm I have, but will soon.

Well, after studying Sally Bobo's 1813 will again, I see I previously made a mistake in saying all of her heirs had to sign a deed to dispose of her land. Nope. Note the clause "All the Residue and Remainder of my Estate and Effects of what nature or kind soever, I will that my Executors do sell at Twelve Months Credit and Equally divide the Amt. of such sale, in manner following...." The executors were sons Chaney and Hiram. From later returns, it seems that Chaney qualified as executor. If the estate was normal (and didn't go to equity court), that means he could sell her land and sign the deed anytime after 20 Feb. 1816 (date of probate), but it seems to me the sale amount would show in her estate papers. Do you have her estate papers? Did both Chaney and Hiram qualify as executors? Also, if any heir named in the will wanted any of that 620 acres, the others could sign a quit claim deed, but Chaney <u>and</u> Hiram, as heirs, would also sign. I'm betting one of the heirs wanted <u>the</u> "home place." Let's don't forget another very confusing fact. The intestate account of Sampson Bobo, Sr., was still unsettled in 1816, of which Sally Bobo owned one-third. Her share of that, after her death, would be distributed among <u>her</u> named heirs in parts directed by her will. (Sally saw the horror of dying intestate, so got smart and made a will, probably because of Spencer suing her.)

No sour grapes here, but let me warn you about accepting anything Andrea presented without first verifying it. I have found numerous mistakes in his work, all from his carelessness, or what seems to be an ego in interpreting and transcribing documents. I can cite many such, including one in his Smith papers in which he noted John Ross of Laurens County in 1811 rented land to his "daughter, Nathaniel and Frances Gist of Union County." I accepted that for two years until I realized something had to be wrong. The deed does not say any such thing. John Ross mortgaged his land to Nathaniel and Francis F. Gist (brothers), no daughter mentioned!

I've just realized that the main highway #151 leading from Darlington to Hartsville becomes "Bobo Newsome Boulevard" at Hartsville. I think Bobo Newsome was some sports celebrity, and thought it was a nickname. I'll inquire.

3/1/95

This has been delayed because I ran outa printer ribbon a couple of weeks back, and since have concentrated on disking letters until I can get to Florence.

Your Wilder topic letter came this morning. Let's don't forget the most famous of all, Laura Ingles Wilder, to whom every parent of a young girl (who likes to read) owes a huge debt. My youngest daughter, like I, is an avid reader and spent many a spellbound hour in her youth reading LIW.

You "did good" by searching for and finding that Wilder book. However, it still doesn't answer our many questions about our William Wilder. The pages you sent have led me to form a theory. I think the common link between the Wilders and Bobos (and many others in S.C.) (even before William Wilder marrying a Bobo) was the Spencer family. I'm sure you know there were a few scattered Spencers in Union County. I've never looked into them, except for one, George W. Spencer, and then only to verify that he married a McJunkin first when I was researching the McJunkins. Oddly enough, GWS lived next door to my ancestors, Mordecai and Elizabeth Chandler, and bought their plantation on Tinker Creek in 1852 when Elizabeth died. (That land was about three miles due east of Unionville, marked on the 1825 Mills Atlas map as "Chandlers." I've often wondered who GWS was.

Although I know people in Sumter, none are into genealogy of our interest. Actually, I have shied away from any research in that area, as it has never interested me. Why? I really don't know, except that it doesn't compare with that of the Backcountry. Let's don't forget that some of the Rochelles were in Camden, in that general area.

I seem to recall I previously mentioned to you the source name of "Chana." I'm fully convinced it came from Tscharner deGraffenried of Lunenburg County, VA, but not necessarily of kinship. His name came from the early Swiss marriage of a deGarffenried to a Tscharner woman. Tscharner deGraffenried was so rich and well known that many unrelated families named their children for him. He had two sons in the Union County area, Christopher and Allen. Reviewing Union County genealogy, you'll find numerous persons with the given name of Tscharner, Charner, Chana, including my ancestor, Tscharner "Charner" Stevens. For years, I was convinced his mother was connected to the deGraffenrieds and spent years researching that family until I'm now a national expert on it. I finally realized the truth by noting dozens of persons in UnCo with that name, whom I found were of no kinship. It was about like naming a child as "George Washington" at that time. Old Tscharner DeG. was probably the richest man in America just before and after the Revolution. I'm sure his visits to his sons in SC caused the naming of children for him, about like Aristotle Onassis flying into Humble in his jumbo jet and throwing money about like a madman.

Per your request, let me try to explain the dower right confusions. This has long been a sore and confusing point with researchers, and it took me years to establish the facts. Better get a glass of Texas Tea, 'cause it might be lengthy. Legally, when a married man sold property, his wife had to be included in the deed (and sign) or sign away her dower right in a separate document. Unfortunately, the court clerks did not always enforce that law. Also, a man might sign a deed and tell the buyer his wife would later sign a dower right document, but she died before the deed was filed, so she doesn't appear in the records. (Deeds were sometimes held for years before filing.) And, suppose a man did such, but his wife, upon learning of the sale, refused to sign? The buyer held the deed, hoping the wife would die. Don't laugh, it happened! The buyer would then file the deed after her death, maybe even after her husband's death. Then, there was another much abused law. You've run across dower right deeds when the wife was "privately and personally examined (by the court clerk)?" The law stated that if the land came into her husband's hands from her by marriage,

especially if she inherited it after she had married him, that she had to be privately and personally examined to make sure she wasn't being coerced into selling it. The clerks sometimes misunderstood that law and applied it incorrectly, especially if it was the "home place," even bought or owned by the husband. Consequently, just because a deed didn't include the wife, or no dower document exists, it means nothing! Frustrating! Let me give you a good example of how lax the law was. In 1835, my ancestor, Tscharner Stevens, and his brother, John Henry (Linda's ancestor), bought land together, the deed in both of their names. Before 1850, John Henry moved away and never signed any deed to Tscharner. Tscharner died in 1862, leaving the land to his wife. Just before her death in 1888, she sold the land! Legally, the descendants of John Henry still own half of that land! When I discovered it, I told Linda C., but can you imagine the legal fees involved to recover, and the injury to innocent homeowners? If it was lower Manhattan, it would be different. A few years ago, I actually gave away by deed my share of hundreds of acres of very valuable resource land due to the complexity of so many present heirs (it was a preRev. grant) because I was tired of paying taxes on something that could never be divided because of the confusion. Actually, due to the environment, it's probably best it has happened this way because it is the last remaining (1600 acres) stand of virgin cypress trees in America. I say let the trees be happy and now never fear the saw, and I'm glad. When I was young, my father used to carry me to that stand of cypress infrequently and tell me it was worth a fortune, a financial "ace in the hole." I fear I'm a bit sentimental about the land of my youth because of the fond memories of such happy times on that plantation (which was separate from the mentioned 1600 acres), where I considered the wildlife and trees as friends, something nobody can understand unless they were a part of it. The plantation was a living thing, a personality in itself, a holdover from generations past, and I thank God I had the opportunity to step into the past and share that.

Go to page 4 of your last letter (dated 2/24), Chaney Bobo selling land to Bordywine W. Waters. We have to be careful here, because that land may have been that of his mother, Sally Bobo, with Chaney selling it as her executor. If so, there would not have to be a dower document! (Another reason dowers were sometimes not needed.)

Martindale. Sure, I know about them, orthodox Quakers, but don't have a complete genealogy. Most of them fled to the northwest just after 1800 when cotton planting brought slaves to UnCo. Next time you're at Clayton, look in Hinshaw's and you'll probably find Rachel (Martindale) Bobo.

The William Wilder you mentioned as having died in Georgia with the administrator of his estate as Sampson Wilder, 9/24/1822, could not have been the William Wilder in SC. Ours signed a deed in Sptg. Co. on 10/1/1823, so was still alive. UNLESS we're dealing with a Sr. and Jr. and don't realize it.

Per your mention of a Sampson Bobo in Marshall County, AL, in 1850, don't forget about Sampson Bobo Chandler, who supposedly dropped the Chandler name for awhile. He married Mary Scruggs, born in AL. I seem to recall Sampson was on the 1850 TX census, but now can't find the record. I know he had a daughter, Elizabeth, born 1854 somewhere in TX, one son, John Bobo Chandler, born 1864 somewhere in Texas, one son, Mordecai Chandler, born 1858, McDade,

TX, and another, Thomas Chandler, born 1867, McDade. Supposedly, there were seven sons and four daughters. Shelly Hoffman of Utah finally found a TX census, I think the 1850, and either wrote me about it, or sent it. Somehow, during my last marriage, it became misplaced. I think. At least, I can't now find it.

I've spent over a month writing in spurts, and have provided you with nearly nothing. I feel very guilty. Bear with me.

Sincerely,

Bob

P.S. In Sumter County is a firm "Wilder Brothers Williamsburg Furniture Company," selling antique reproductions. I just don't have the nerve to write a furniture company about genealogy!

5/9/95

Dear Melanie,

You're gonna hate me for this, but I've found something else to cloud up the waters of Bobo Pond. My God, will it ever end?

Linda Crissinger just sent me a 1989 publication abstracting the "Bastardy Processes for Spartanburg County." These were found in the SC Archives by Faye Berry (a friend of mine) in 1987, labeled "Court of Common Pleas, Bastardy Processes, Spartanburg County, S.C., Bastardy Bonds." They were in file folders in a box under that label.

One such was "State vs. Leviston Bobo/Foster Golding/Nancy Bobo. Bond was signed on September 29, 1804 before Judge Samuel Lancaster by Nancy Bobo, Leviston Bobo, and Foster Golding for maintenance of a female bastard child born to Nancy Bobo."

You once asked me about Levinston Bobo having an illegitimate child and this may have been the source. However, it appears to me that Foster Golding was the father. Although most of the bonds were signed within a year after the child was born, many were two, three, or even more years after. Consequently, the 1804 date is probably not the birth date of the child.

I can't decide which Nancy Bobo this was, although I highly suspect it was Nancy, daughter of Sampson. However, there are a few things that seem to defeat that suspicion. First, why would she get Levinston Bobo to stand her bond? Could this have been a sister of Levinston's that we don't know about? By 1804, Sampson's Nancy was supposedly married to Matthew Patton. Those are the only two Nancy Bobos that could fit the bill. I can discount all the other Nancy Bobos of that time for good reason.

It turns out that Matthew Patton was no angel himself. He was brought before Fairforest Presbyterian Church in Union County for allegedly fathering the illegitimate child of Peggy Young in 1796. Peggy was then living in the home of Gen. Hugh Means, as was Matthew (Gen. Means had married Prudence Patton, Matthew's sister). Matthew denied the charge, although the church didn't believe him. After recently reading those church minutes, I really felt sorry for him, thinking the church had done him wrong. Lo and behold, Matthew shows up in the Bastardy Bonds! "State vs Elizabeth Autry. A bond was signed before David Morton, J.Q., on July 7, 1807, by Elizabeth Autry and Matthew Patton. An oath was given by both acknowledging joint responsibility."

There's another of interest to us. "State vs Nancy Langston. A bond was signed before John Dean, J.Q., on October 9, 1807, by Jeremiah Bobo, Chaney Bobo, and George Roebuck. The mother, Nancy Langston, had given birth to an illegitimate female, born March 1, 1807." I'd suspect one of the three men was the father.

Sincerely,

Re. Nancy Bobo, "single mother."

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5/16/95

Dear Linda Lou,

I need a favor (as usual), which shouldn't take you but a second the next time you're in the Sptg. Library. The last time I wrote the Caroliniana Library about something, they replied with a stern letter for me to give them a call number from their published collection index. The Darlington Library had that publication, but it has been stolen.

There is a sixteen page booklet at the Caroliniana found by Leonardo Andrea, which he described as follows: "In the library of the S.C. Society in Columbia is a 16 page booklet published in 1819 by Daniel Faust and paid for by the students of the S.C. College in Columbia....a funeral sermon, preached by Rev. Jonathan Maxcy on the 10th day of October 1819 upon the occasion of the accidental drowning of John Sampson Bobo, a junior student of the college who drowned in the Congaree River...I did not read this booklet nor check to see if it had any family data in it...likely, has."

If the Sptg. Library has that index book, please look in it for a call number. I need to order that booklet, but don't need another stiff letter due to ordering by description.

On another matter, and only to keep you informed of where my thinking is leading me, in the Sptg. Bastardy Bonds you sent is a record that a Nancy Bobo bore a bastard before 1804. I wrecked my brain trying to think who she might have been, and finally decided she had to be Nancy (Bobo) Holland Simpson Calvert Patton, d/o Sampson and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo. There were other Nancy Bobos in the area at the time, but I eliminated them comfortably from my mind due to other facts. I even sent that information to Melanie about a week ago, also informed her I wasn't completely convinced it was she because she was supposedly married to Matthew Patton by 1804. Even if she bore the child before her marriage to Patton in 1802, she still signed the bond in 1804 as "Nancy Bobo," which doesn't seem logical, certainly legally impossible. Early this A.M. (5), I was reviewing some Bobo material and suddenly realized there was another Nancy Bobo about whom I'd forgotten. Ann (Musgrove) Bobo, wife of Absalom! Family historians have long insisted Absalom divorced her, which was impossible. I do know she was dead by about 1810, at which time he was married to Mary Bobo, his first cousin, daughter of Sampson and Sarah. Although I know there was no divorce, I fully believe the fable had some basis of truth, and I've long insisted that they probably separated for that legend to pass down in the family. I'm now wondering if Nancy Bobo, who bore the bastard child, wasn't Absalom's wife, nee Nancy Musgrove, and the reason for their separation. It all fits perfectly as to time, name, and circumstance. Under those circumstances, Nancy (Musgrove) Bobo could sign her own name, even if married. At any rate, if the child survived, it certainly bore the surname of Bobo. If I'm correct, I wonder who raised that child after Nancy died before 1810?

Lemme know about the call number.

Thank you,

5/31/95

Dear Melanie,

Per your mention, I've never heard of Dr. James Edward Bobo (1865-1950) of Newberry County, son of Robert and Nancy Bobo of Union County. Where did you find that book, Newberry County, by L. Sumner, Jr.? He has to be a son of George Leland Sumner, Sr., who published Newberry County, Historical and Genealogical in 1950, a notoriously inaccurate book. To answer your question, this Robert Bobo, if born about 1785 or so, could have been a son of a number of Bobo men. In fact, even Old Lewis and Sampson, Jr., were still having kids about that time. However, since Dr. J.E. Bobo was born in Union County (if that's accurate), it would narrow it down somewhat. He could have been a grandson of Old Lewis; or a son of Purwell (son of Sampson), the only Bobos known to me to have been in Union County in 1805; or maybe a son of Absalom (son of Spencer II). If he was illegitimate, God only knows which Miss Bobo was his mother! The fact that he was a physician might indicate he had some connection to Dr. Edward Musgrove Bobo.

Hope Bees in CO sent me some postings from America Online, and Chuck Bobo is advertising "I have extensive information on BOBOs, including a new research paper by Bryan Scott Johnson." 4/3/95. I thought this Chuck Bobo realized that Johnson paper was a presentation of gibberish. Why is it that he's still broadcasting it around?

It appears that the America Online Bobo genealogy I have is the same as you describe and have, only names and some dates. There are no notes, documentations, etc., so it's actually worthless except as a guide.

I don't need DNA evidence to convince me O.J.'s guilty. Convicting him is another matter. Personally, I think the trial is a farce. What's needed is to remove the TV cameras and have a trial, not a soap opera. There was a rather controversial case in SC a few years ago involving DNA evidence. A female high school senior was raped and murdered, her body left in some woods. The investigation dragged on for months. Finally, the DA asked the entire male senior class to submit to DNA testing. Bingo, they hit a perfect match. It was her close male friend who had actually served as a pall bearer, and was the last person she was seen with while alive. Came trial time, about a year later, and the defense brought in some DNA hired fast gun. His contention was that DNA was very reliable, but not in that particular case, the reason being, so he said, was because that small town was filled with generations of family inter-breeding, cousins marrying cousins, etc., so nearly all had the same DNA! Of course, that's impossible, but to a jury box filled with the uninformed, it might play. It didn't. They convicted the kid and sent him away for life. Afterwards, his history of violence surfaced. Twice before he had attacked girls, but his aunt was in charge of the juvenile justice court in that county and had conveniently "lost" his files each time! She ended up losing her job and being prosecuted about it.

I'll try to get those bastardy bonds from the SC Archives, but it might be impossible through the staff. Faye Perry said she found the files in a box, each case in a different folder and many were listed with the wrong name. There is no index number for them, only that they are a part of the Spartan-

burg County Court of Common Pleas records. I'll try, but you can see I'll probably strike out without a file number. It would seem to me that all the guilty parties would have been charged and brought into the Court of Common Pleas before being directed to sign a bastardy bond. One case in those files so states that. If so, the bond for the female at that time would more likely be posted by her own family. However, it appears that there must have been some reward system involved because a few listed the "Informant" by name.

I highly suspect that the "Nancy Robo" named in the 1804 bastardy bond was Nancy (Musgrove) Robo, the wife of Absalom, probably the motivation for the "divorce" table in that marriage. If so, it is an intriguing question as to when he married Mary Robo, daughter of Sampson. Ann had to be dead before he could legally marry Mary. We have assumed he married Mary before 1812, the birth date of their son, George W. Robo. At any rate, we only know positively that Absalom was legally married to Mary when he wrote his will in 1844.

Further, I also suspect that the Nancy Langston in the 1807 bastardy suit with Jeremiah Robo, Chauncy Robo, and George Rochuck was the daughter of Rev. Nathan and Catherine (Smith) Langston. They did have a daughter named Nancy, born 6/13/1789, died 1859, who married Eli M. Dearfen (1777-1831) at some unknown date and they went to Bedford County, TN, where both died. Any one of the three could have been the father. You know what "they" say about the preacher's daughter! I shouldn't say such things because my mother was a preacher's daughter, as was my first wife a step-daughter.

What you propose about writing the Robo articles is fine with me. I don't see any reason to carry the lines beyond the grandchildren of the four original brothers to SC. As for William Wilder, we'll have to go with what we have. Like I once told Linda Crissinger, these articles aren't intended to be a free genealogical service, only a starting place for researchers. If we do Spencer 1 and Absalom 1 in the first article, then Spencer 2 and Lewis in the next, saving the topic of Sampson for last, it'll give us more time to explore the Sampson line further. Also, about the time. There's no hurry. The longer we delay the actual publication, the more we're likely to learn. I'd suggest writing the first article now, go through the steps of getting it ready to publish, then hold it until a future date to allow us more research time. I have enough other topic material to last for quite a while.

That's about it for now.

Bob

Hey, cut the envelope open to add this.

I just realized something concerning Sarah (Simpson) Pobo, wife of Simpson. Check your Andrea papers on the Pobos and he shows Sarah's descent in the Simpson family from Maryland to Virginia. Note that her father, Joseph Green Simpson, had a sister, (name unknown) Simpson, who married Claiborne Sumner.

Over in the Laurens County settlement among Absalom Pobo 1, the Powells, the Graves, the Sims, and all the others hooked into the Pobos, was a Clairborne (various spellings) Sims with a wife named Martha.

Deed Book B, p. 411, 3/9/1789, Claybourn Sims and wife Martha to James Burnside, 110 acres, south side of Little River, no witnesses.

Deed Book C, p. 166, Claibourn Sims to Clement Deal, 12/11/1769, 144 acres, part of 535 acre grant to Thomas Farr 7/8/1774.

Deed Book U, p. 20, 5/29/1775, Thomas Farr Sr., Esq., of Charleston to William Sims, planter of Craven County for L 10, 200 acre granted 7/8/1774 on Duck Creek bounded by Moses Kirkland, Andrew Rodgers, John Jones. Original deed filed 5/30/1775 (Charleston), recorded in Laurens County 3/24/1804.

Deed Book W, p. 262, 10/7/1797, Claborn Sims son and heir of William Sims, deceased, to John Fowler for L 26, 150 acres on Warrior Creek, part of 535 acre grant to Thomas Farr 7/8/1774, bounded by John Dull, William Perry, Angus Campbell.

The estate of William Sims was appraised 6/8/1789; on 7/10/1794, Clayborn Sims was listed as the administrator.

Deed Book C, p. 237-8, 1/1/1801, filed 7/8/1801, Claybourn Sims to John Arnold for $100 bond and mortgage on crop of corn, black horse, beds, furniture, large iron kettle, cotton, large Bible, hyon hack, tobacco. Wit. Fleet Neighbors, Moses Key.

It looks to me like he skipped the country? Note that wife Martha Sims does not appear after 3/9/1789. She must have died.

What do you think? Was this the same Clairborne Sims that married _____Simpson, or nephew? Surely, with a name like that, he was related. Sarah (Simpson) Pobo had brothers named John and Thomas Simpson. There were men of that name in Laurens County.

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Dear Melanie,

Gee, you've sure rippled the waters of Bobo Pond with your John McCullock to Sampson Bobo deed of gift! My question is which Sampson was it? You stated Sampson, Sr., but it could have been Jr., even though he was still supposedly immature. Land (or any property) could be deeded to an infant anytime after birth, but couldn't be sold by him/her until he was mature (but could by a legal guardian). I'll have to look further into it before I can comment. Obviously, there was some connection between McCullock and the Bobos, even if only close friendship.

As for the second deed, the one from McCullock to Spencer Bobo, Jr., I think you've improperly identified him as the son of Sampson. My reasons are twofold. Don't forget that Spencer Bobo, Jr., son of Spencer and Judith Bobo, usually signed as "Spencer Bobo, Jr." Secondly, the two witnesses, Peter and Sarah Brooks, are a dead giveaway. That Spencer Bobo, Jr., married Nancy Berry, daughter of Old William Berry, and they first lived in Laurens County. This was the same Spencer Bobo, Jr., that was making frequent trips to Charleston about that time and collecting the Revolutionary indents and interest for many of his neighbors. Some years later, he and Nancy moved over into Spartanburg County, and he eventually went to GA with his children after they married.

Sarah Brooks was nee Berry, another daughter of Old William Berry, and they also lived in Laurens County at that time. Their brother, George Berry, married the famed Mary Musgrove. Old William Berry was from Fairfax County, VA, and was once the next door neighbor to Edward Musgrove there. Musgrove came to SC in 1755. By 1767, Old William Berry was granted land in what became Laurens County, again a next door neighbor to Edward Musgrove. Berry died sometime just before 8/3/1783 when his intestate account was filed in Ninety Six, later transferred to newly formed Laurens County in 1785.

Let's don't forget another thing. John McCullock also sold land to Spencer Bobo, Sr. Maybe, just as you implied, the Sampson Bobo of the 1786 deed of gift was another son of Spencer Bobo, Sr., who died young or left the area at an early age. What we need to do is to find the estate of John McCullock to see if it included any Bobos. That might be difficult. First, we'd have to assume he died in Charleston County, and secondly, his name might have been recorded as McCullough or even McCully. If I had to guess, following your guess, if he was related to Judith Bobo, I'd have to say he was her brother, not father. However, if McCullock had no children and was Bobo related, his estate would certainly reflect it! My God, I've just thought of something! * "What if" he was Judith's brother and wasn't married. His estate would probably give all the living children of Spencer Bobo, Sr.! That would be the greatest Bobo find in two centuries!

I've realized that if I'm going to explore Spartanburg County genealogy any further, I need many more books, so have decided to get them. I restrict myself to a monthly book budget which doesn't allow buying hundreds of dollars worth at one time. However, I have a copyright lying around that I'll never

again publish and an organization expressed interest in buying it. Ah ha, I thought, I'll convert the copyright into Spartanburg County books, so I agreed to sell. We agreed on a price only this week and I signed the reassignment. When the check arrives, I'm going to bulge my library with those books. Smart, huh?
On the same subject, I've long hunted a 1930 book on the families of Jeter, Parker, and Brock. Linda heard from a dealer in Texas this week who has one for sale---$195. God, I'm tempted, but my better sense tells me no! I guess I'll pass, but will probably kick myself later. At that price, he just might still have it "later!"

Yes, I think Ann (Musgrove) Bobo died between 1807 and 1810ish. Of course, the entire subject is only a guess on my part.

Whoa, I've caught you in a mistake!! You wrote "...the only people searching for the truth are you, me, and Johnny Cochran." WRONG! Johnny Cockran isn't searching for the truth. He knows the truth! He's trying to smoke-screen it! Personally, I'm getting my tux ready for O.J.'s "coming out" party because I don't think he'll be convicted. The lesson to learn here for all women is NOT to marry a celebrity multi-millionaire because he can murder you and buy his way free. Remember the Texas man, now what was his name, Cullen Davis? Same song, same dance.

Hey, I LOVED your expression about the misinformation and Bobo Cousins. "Well, throw up!" My Dear, you hit it on the nose! I'll have to remember that one.

I still haven't remembered who I loaned that Pearson book to. Actually, I don't even remember mailing it to you. Yeah, I'm losing it in my old age, sometimes called senility. Wait a minute, I JUST HAVE to tell you this so you can "bust a gut." An old woman in this complex went nuts Sunday night and threatened some visiting children with a knife. I know little about her, but hear she's been whacko for years, accusing people of stealing ozone and electricity from her apartment. The police hauled her off to the insane asylum. But, WAIT, that's not the funny thing. The next morning, I went for the mail and bumped into another woman, who's rather young (40?). I know nothing of her except to speak to her. She stopped me and began telling me the Shriners are "after me," that they stand outside of her window at night and "try to program my mind by shooting laser beams into my apartment." Well, throw up! I got the hell away from her as rapidly as possible. I was so shocked that I was telling my lady neighbor about what she'd said and the neighbor already knew about it. She said the whacko woman sleeps in the bathtub which is covered with aluminum foil to ward off the laser beams! (Obviously, she knows nothing about a laser.) My God, where am I living? I thought all the nuts were in L.A.? Anyway, I guess Pearson will eventually show up.

Oh, by the way, when I was digging into some Musgrove research, I bumped into our old friend William Wilder. On the 1800 census of Spartanburg County is the following partial listing:

~~Page HH# Name~~

Page	HH#	Name		
193	1052	Sally Musgrove	(my old granny)	
194	1057	Spencer Bobo	0-0-2-0-0	0-0-0-1-0
194	1073	Spencer Bobo	0-0-0-0-1	1-0-1-0-1
194	1074	Livingston Bobo	0-0-0-1-0	0-0-1-0-0
194	1075	Foster Golden	0-0-1-0-0	0-0-1-0-0
194	1076	Burrel Bobo	3-4-1-1-0	1-1-0-1-0
194	1077	Sampson Bobo	1-2-3-1-1	1-0-2-0-1
194	1078	Mary Chamlin		
194	1079	Grove Yarborough		
194	1080	William Wilder	3-1-1-1-0	3-1-0-1-0
194	1081	Ebeneazer Moss		
194	1082	Obediah Moss		

HH# 1057 must have been Rev. Spencer Bobo, as the enumeration fits. HH#1073 had to be Spencer Bobo, Sr., due to the man and woman over 45. HH#1077 must have been Sampson Bobo, Sr., for the same reason, a married child and grandchildren in the home, possibly Nancy (Bobo) Holland Colbert, later Simpson.

I had Linda look up the Sally Musgrove data for 1800-30 and the above showed up on the same pages. She referred to a book in the Spartanburg Library The Census Records of Spartanburg County, SC, For The Years 1790-1800-1810-1820-1830-1840, transcribed by Horace Elbert Gilbert, 1974. I hope that book is still available because I want it.

Gotta run. I'll keep in touch with anything new and will try to find John McCullock data.

Bye,

Bob

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Dear Melainie,

A follow up. I have discovered some facts about John McCullough, although they don't reflect any relationship between him and Sampson Bobo.

Are you familiar with Rev. William Martin, the first full time Covenanter minister in America? Without going into great detail, in 1772 he brought his entire congregation in Ireland to Charleston in five ships, all of whom received bounty grants in the SC Backcountry. SC had just gone through the Regulator crisis, so was afraid to settle hundreds of persons, most related, in one place. Consequently, they were scattered all over the Backcountry area, although the majority ended up on Rocky Creek in present eastern Chester County. The lead ship was the Lord Dunluce, on which Rev. Martin sailed, which landed in Charleston on 12/20/1772 and was quarantined for fifteen days. As each group came ashore, the passengers were given their land grants, recorded in the SC Journal. The most definitive book on the saga is Scotch-Irish Migration to South Carolina, 1772, by Jean Stephenson, published 1971. From her book, passenger #50 on the Lord Dunluce was John McCullough. He was granted land "Plat Folder 1180, 6 Jan. 1773; in Craven County, south side of Enoree River on branch called King's Creek; bounded Jean Wilson, Margaret Dial, John Brown, Samuel Gilston; surveyed 1 March 1773." That put him in Laurens County. (Margaret Dial was #49 on the same ship.)

Another fascinating bit of information is that one of the five ships was the Free Mason, which sailed from Newry on 10/27/1772 and arrived in Charleston on 12/22/1772, John Semple the Master. Passenger #181 on the Lord Dunluce was John Semple, who was granted (1/6/1773) 250 acres in Craven County on "Dry Fork of Dutchman's Creek." Wasn't that in Spartanburg County? Could he have been related to James Semple, the man that acquired the 1000 acres of land in 1775 that was sold to John McCullough, it lying just west of Cross Anchor and bounding a 1772 450 acre grant to Sampson Bobo, Sr.? Cross Anchor is located on that particular 450 acre grant to Sampson Bobo. A 250 acre grant indicates that John Semple was married and had two children: man (100), wife (50), plus 50 for each child under sixteen.

Among the list of passengers on all five ships are numerous names that received grants in the Laurens and Spartanburg area of Cross Anchor.

Now, why would John McCullough, an Irish immigrant of 1772, if the same man, have love for Sampson Bobo, and sell all of that 1000 acres to the Bobos for peanuts? It sounds to me as if he married into the Bobo family. I'm sure he was the same man from the following data, gleaned from Miss Sarah Nash's Abstacts of Early Records of Laurens County.

"Deed Book D, p. 87, 8/12/1785, p. 1/24/1792, Robert Allison of Camden District to Edward Musgrove for 5 English guineas, 100 acres granted to John McCuller bounding on said Musgrove. Wit. Thomas Logan."

("Deed Book D, p. 107, 9/23/1786, p. 2/29/1792, Robert Allison, Esq., of Fairfield County Camden District to Edward Musgrove for 30 L sterling, 100

acres adjacent said E. Musgrove. Mortgage. Wit. Thomas Logan.")

"Deed Book D, p. 102, 1/27/1792, , p. 2/6/1792, Robert Ellison, planter, of Fairfield County and wife Elizabeth to James Puckett, planter, for 25 L, 100 acres on a branch of Enoree River bounding on Edward Musgrove, John Hanna, Alexander George, originally granted to John McUller and conveyed by him to said Robert Ellison. Wit. David Evans, Wm. Evans, John McCrery."

"Deed Book E, p. 81, 10/1/1791, p. 12/3/1793, John McCullough, trader, to Edward Hooker of Spartanburg County for 150 L sterling, 700 acres on south side of Enoree River (called by mistake Tyger River in plat of grant to Wm. Miller by Gov. Bull 2/10/1775) bounding on David Childers, conveyed to Mortimer and Charles Harris of Charleston. Wit. Thomas McCullough, Thomas Todd, Mark Powell."

"Deed Book E, p. 82, 9/5/1789, p. 12/3/1793, John McCullough to Moris Murphey for 81 L, bond on 700 acres on Enoree River (above land). Wit. John Mell, Sparks Findley. Proved before Wm. Mell, J.P. Charleston District."

(Note that Sparks name.)

"Deed Book F, p. 100, 8/1/1772, , p. 3/11/1796, John McCuller, planter, to Robert Ellison, surveyor, for 100 L current, 100 acres on south side Enoree River granted 9/12/1768 by Wm. Bull. Wit. John Ellison, Samuel and John Clagg."

"Deed Book J, p. 137, 3/13/1810, p. 3/27/1810, Alexander Morrison to Alexander McLachlan mcht of Charleston for $500, a negro woman Beck and two children. Wit. John McKellar." ??? If the same man, he was still alive in 1810

The deed F-100 suggests that John McCullough wasn't the same man who arrived on the Lord Dunluce due to the date.

It appears that Robert Allison first bonded the 100 acres to Edward Musgrove, then sold it to him on credit (mortgage). Musgrove didn't meet the note, so the land was sold to James Puckett. Written history states that Edward Musgrove died in 1792, but I think it was in 1790 or 91. He probably died before he could pay off the mortgage, but all the papers were filed by Puckett in case some later question arose.

Other McCulloughs in early Laurens County were Christian, David, James, Joseph, Margaret, Mary, Robert, Thomas, and William. I have no doubt they were all related, and to those McCulloughs in early Chester County, the name there also spelled McCully, all Irish immigrants, most with the Rev. Martin party.

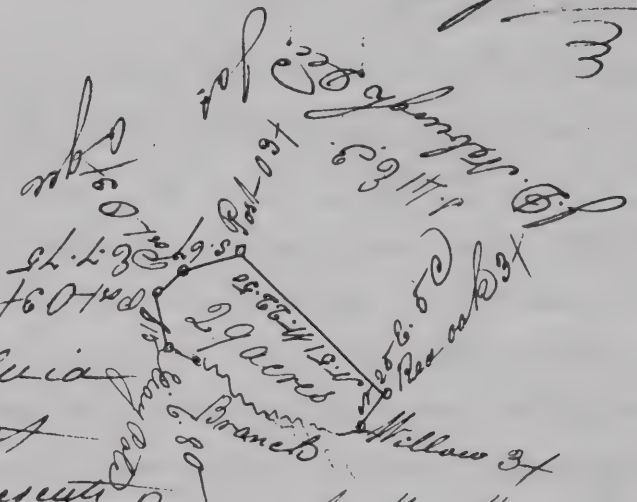
See anything I don't?

Bob

The State So Carolina } Personally came Jesse Lamb before
Spartanburgh District } and duly made oath that he saw
Edward Hooker execute the within deed to Lodoc Hooker and
that he at the same time saw Benjamin Hooker subscribe
his name as a witness to gether with himself. Sworn and
subscribed this the 11th day of Novr 1819 - Before
M. Casey J.P.

Jesse Lamb
3

Wm Wilder
To No 145
Landon Niles
6th Novr 1820



State of South Carolina
Spartanburgh District
Know all men by these presents

R, pp. 149-150.)

(From Spartanburg Co., SC, Deed Book R, pp. 149-150.)

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Spartanburgh District } and he by made oath that he saw
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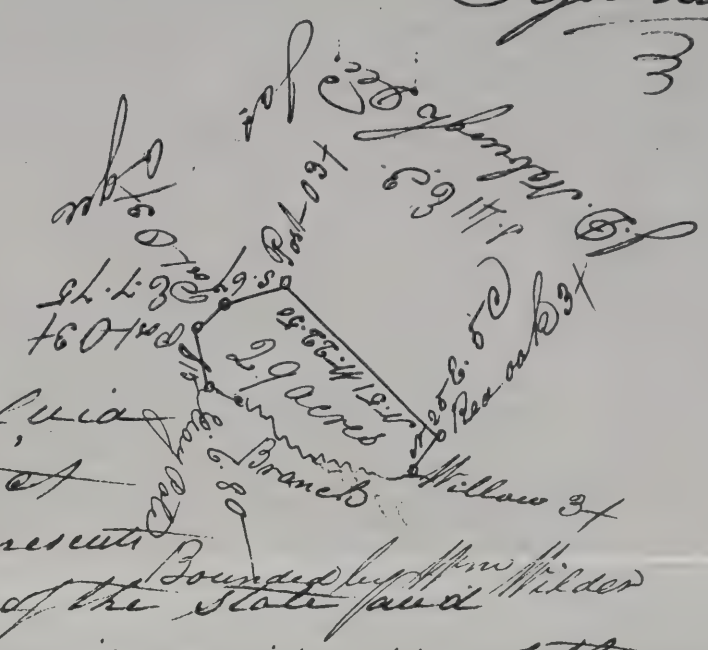

State of South Carolina
Spartanburgh District
Know all men by these presents
that I William Wilder of the state aforesaid
district aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of twenty
five dollars to me paid by Landon Miles of the state and Dis-
-trict aforesaid have granted, bargained, sold, & released and by
these presents, do grant bargain, sell, & release unto the said Landon
Miles, all that tract or parcel of land containing twenty nine acres,
be the same more or less. Situate in the state aforesaid, and district
of spartanburgh on the waters of tyger River having such shape
form, marks & bounds, as the above plat represents. Together with
all and singularly, the rights, members, heriditaments, & appur-
-tainances to the said premises belonging, or in any wise incident
or appertaining, to have and to hold all and singularly the said
premises before mentioned unto the said Landon Miles his heirs
and assigns forever. And I do hereby bind my self my heirs
executors and administrators, to warrant and defend forever all and
singularly the said premises unto the said Landon Miles his
heirs and assigns against my self my heirs and assigns, and against
every person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming, or pretending
to claim the same or any part thereof. Witness my hand
and seal this 20th day of January Anno Domini 1816 and in the
sovereignty and independence of the united states of america
the 40. Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
Thomas M. Bragg
William H. Miles

William Wilder (L.S.)

State of So. Carolina } Personally came William Miles
Spartanburgh District } and made oath that he saw
William Wilder assign seal and acknowledge

(From Spartanburg Co., SC, Deed Book R, pp. 149-150)

150 the within [illegible] and that he assigned the same with Thomas Bragg as witnesses sworn to and Subscribed before me this 14th May 1818.

Burrell Bobo J.M. Wm H. Miles

State of South Carolina } I Burrel Bobo one of
Spartanburgh District } the Justices of Quorum for said district, do hereby certify to all whom it may concern that Susanna Wilder wife of the within named William Wilder did this day appear before me and on being privately and seperately examined by me did declare that she does freely voluntarily and without any compulsion dread or fear of any person or persons whomsoever renounce release and forever relinquish unto the within named Landon Miles all her interest and estate and also all her right and claim of Dower of in or to all and singular the premises within named and released given under my hand and seal this 27th Decr. 1818

Burrel Bobo J.M. (o) Susannah her X mark Wilder

Thomas M Bragg & Zebulon D Bragg To Landon Miles

No. 146
Recd. Novemr. 1820

This indenture made this the third day of april in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven and in the sovereignty and independence of the united States of america the forty first, between Thomas M Bragg & Zebulon D Bragg of the state of South Carolina Spartanburgh District of the one part and Landon Miles of the said state and District of the other part, witnesseth that whereas by a certain a certain deed or title of one hundred Acres of Land made to Zebulon Bragg now deceased by Thomas Miles bearing date 25th October 1794. It being part of a tract of three hundred acres granted to Joseph Pack dated 2nd day of March 1769 Situate in Craven County then called but now Spartanburg district, in the State aforesaid on the branches of rocky creek the waters of tyger river, and hath such shapes and marks as a plot annexed to the saide grant shewth and by a lawful right made to the said Thomas Miles, and a lawful right made by the said Thomas to the said Zebulon Bragg to the part or quantity aforesaid. Now this indenture witnesseth that the Thomas M and Zebulon D Bragg. Lawful heirs of the said Zebulon Bragg deceased hath granted, bargained, sold and released to the said Landon Miles, the said one hundred acres of land it being the North East part of the aforesaid grant. Beginning at a post oak old corner of said tract running South 65 East thirty one chains 62 links to a post oak

Witness my hand & seal this 16th day of November 1812

Test
Burrell Bobo
Foster Golding

Wm Wilder (Seal)

State of South Carolina } I Burrell Bobo one of the
Spartanburgh District } Justices of the Quorum for said
District do hereby certify to all whom it may concern that
Wilder wife of the within named William Wilder did this
day appear before me and on being privately & separately
examined by me did declare that she does freely voluntarily and
without any compulsion dread or fear of any person or persons
whomsoever renounce release and forever relinquish unto the
within named Thomas Miles all her interest & Estate & also
all her right & claim of Dower of in or to the premises within
mentioned & released. Given under my hand & seal this
16th day of November 1812

Burrell Bobo J.Q. (Seal) Sperunah her mark Wilder

State of South Carolina } Personally came Foster
Spartanburgh District } Golding before me and
saith on oath that he saw Wm Wilder assign & acknowledge
the within deed and that he assigned the same with Burrell
Bobo as Witness — Sworn to & subscribed before me this
16th November 1812

Burrell Bobo J.Q.

Foster Golding

Samuel Turner } Know all men by these presents that
To } No. 348
John Law Senr. } I Samuel Turner of the State and District
1st September 1817 } aforesaid for and in consideration of the
sum of fifty dollars to me in hand paid
paid by John Law Senr of the State & District have
granted bargained sold & released & by these presents do
grant bargain sell & release unto the said John Law Senr
all that plantation or tract of land containing eighty
acres more or less situate in the State & District aforesaid
beginning on a oak Wyatts corner thence north to a chesnut, thence
West to the head of a Branch to Warren's corner thence down
the Branch to James Salerfields corner thence with Salerfields
line to the ridge path thence along said path to a chesnut
thence to the begining together with all & singular the rights
members & appurtenances to the said land belonging or in any
wise appertaining To hold all & singular the premises before
mentioned unto the said John Law Senr his Heirs &

2 Book

that I William Wilder of the State (Sounded by Wm Wilder) aforesaid
district aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of twenty
five dollars to me paid by Landon Mills of the State and Dist

(From Spartanburg Co, SC Deed Book P, pp. 316-317)

South Carolina) I Drury McDaniel one of the Justices of
Spartanburg Dist. the Quorum do hereby certify unto all whom
it may concern that Catharine Wofford Wife of the within James
Wofford ~~dec~~ this day appear before me & upon being privately &
seperately examined by me did say - that she does voluntarily &
freely without any compulsion dread or fear of any person or
persons whomsoever renounce release and for ever relinquish unto
the within named Spencer Bobo his Heirs & Assigns all her
interest & Estate & all her right and claim of Dower of in or
to all & the premises within mentioned & released - given under
my hand & seal this 4th day of July 1815

Drury McDaniel J.Q. Catharine her x Wofford

(Deed Book P, pp. 316-317)

Book

that I William Wilder of the State (Founder) aforesaid Wilder
district aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of twenty
five dollars to me paid by Landon Mills of the State and Dist

(From Spartanburg Co., SC Deed Book P, pp. 316-317)

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Drury McDaniel J.Q. — Catharine her x mark Wofford

State of South Carolina

William Rhodes made oath before me that he saw the within named James Wofford sign seal and deliver the within Deed unto Spencer Bobo for the use, purpose and consideration of the within mentioned sum & that he subscribed his name as a Witness thereunto together with the other Witnesses — Sworn & subscribed to this 2nd day of August 1817

John Dean C.C. — Wm. Rhodes

William Wilder
To No. 307
Thomas Miles
1st September 1817

State of South Carolina } Know all
Spartanburgh District } men by
these presents that I William Wilder
of the State aforesaid in consideration
of fifty dollars to me paid by Thomas Miles of said ~~[illegible]~~ place
have granted bargained, sold and released & by these presents do
grant bargain sell & release unto the said Thomas Miles all
that tract or parcel of land containing seventeen acres
be the same more or less situate in the State aforesaid &
District of Spartanburgh on the waters of Pacolet River having
such shape form & marks & bounds as the above plat represents
together with all & singular the rights members hereditaments &
appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in any wise incident
or appertaining - To have and to hold all & singular the said
premises before mentioned unto the said Thomas Miles his heirs &
assigns for ever And I do hereby bind myself my heirs
~~Executors & Administrators~~ to warrant & for ever defend all & singular
the said premises unto the said Thomas Miles his heirs & assigns against
myself my Heirs and against every person whomsoever
lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof

(From Spartanburg Co., SC Deed Book P, pp. 316-317)

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State of South Carolina

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John Dean J.P.

Wm. Rhodes

William Wilder
" To No. 307
Thomas Miles
1st September 1817

State of South Carolina
Spartanburgh District

Know all men by these presents that I William Wilder of the State aforesaid in consideration of fifty dollars to me paid by Thomas Miles of said State have granted bargained, sold and released & by these presents do grant bargain sell & release unto the said Thomas Miles all that tract or parcel of land containing seventeen acres

3032 Elmhurst Drive
Inman, South Carolina 29349-9315
5 December 1994
and 9 January 1995
and 11 January 1995

Melanie NcNATT NOLAN
19907 Pinehurst Trail Drive
Humble, Texas 77346

Dear Melanie,

It was so nice hearing from you! Cousin Robert-Bob STEVENS of Darlington, SC, has often mentioned you with the greatest of compliments on your genealogical researching abilities. He has the highest regards for you and for your BOBO-ing and other genealogying. I am also intrigued by the BOBO family because my aunt (Kate STEVENS, sister to my father Walter STEVENS of Union) married a BOBO, Uncle Elmer, and they lived their lives in Cross Keys, Union County, SC.

Your interesting letter has been lying too long here atop my piled-high desk. I do apologize for the loooong time it has taken me to answer, but work and obligations have been topped off by the holiday flurry, so I am horribly behind in my correspondence.

Genealogying is my 2nd love (cats are my 1st) (my hubby Cris is a totally separate Love Level), and I get very frustrated when other things -- like work and obligations, etc. -- interfere with rooting out relatives!

First, let me tell you that the majority of the courthouse records of Spartanburg (Sptbg.) County, SC, are located now at the SC Archives (SC Dept. of Archives & History, 1430 Senate St., POBox 11669, Capitol Station, Columbia, SC 29211-1669). There are no microfilm copies of the estate records, I am told. It is not possible to march into the Sptbg. Probate Judge's office and pull out actual estate records. Darnit!

However, the INDEXes (back to the beginning) to the Probate Court ARE here in the P.J. office. The marriage records, beginning in 1911, are also in the P.J. office.

The deed books are still here -- located in the RMC office. Pruitt's SPARTANBURG COUNTY/DISTRICT DEED ABSTRACTS is often a better, more thorough research tool, because of its excellent index. However, Pruitt only goes up through 1827. I'll be glad to get a copy of the Wm WILDER to Thomas MILES deed for you after the holidays.

The Sptbg. Commissioners of the Poor records are located in the Archives in Columbia. You should be able to obtain copies from

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Irmar, South Carolina 29949-9815
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[illegible] KOLAN
[illegible]
[illegible], Texas 7[illegible]

[illegible]

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that source from the Archives, especially since you have the reference citation.

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I searched, in the Sptbg Library, the microfilm copy of the Journal of the Ordinary, including 1818-1819. I also checked the J. of Ord. records for BOBOs in the following volumes: 1800-1807, 1807-1810, 1810-1816, 1816-1818, 1818-1819, and 1819-1821. I am enclosing the goodies I copied from these records for you.

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Now, 'tis Wednesday, 11 January 1995. Time marches on. Today I mailed to you a package of papers. Tomorrow I shall mail this letter. I'm sending Cousin Robert-Bob copies of the papers and this letter.

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Let's get one thing clear: there is NO CHARGE for any of this! I am glad to help you. I am just so terrifically mortified to realize it has taken me so long to get this to you! I do apologize profusely for the delay!

Most sincerely,

Linda

Linda STEVENS CRISSINGER (Mrs. J.L.)

Phone: (803) 578-3286.

Package enclosures (mailed to Melanie on 11 January 1995):

- 4 pp. (2 deeds) from Sptbg. Co., SC, RMC office: Wm. WILDER.
- 2 pp. notes from Sptbg.Co., SC RMC office: Wm. WILDER Deeds.
- 25 pp. copies of J. of Ordinary, Sptbg. Co., SC: BOBO.
- 1 p. notes on J. of Ord., 1819-1821.

Copy of the above package enclosures to Cousin Robert-Bob STEVENS.

Copy of this letter to Cousin Robert-Bob STEVENS.

[illegible] to clear [illegible] in [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] you. I am just so terribly worried [illegible]
[illegible] when we [illegible] long to get this [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] the delay.

Sincerely,

[illegible]

[illegible] STEWART BRINSMADE (Mrs. T. E.)

[illegible]

[illegible] Mrs. Stewart's trailed to Melanie on 11 [illegible] 1955).
[illegible] 1) [illegible] from [illegible] Co., 2) PMC officer [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] Co., 3) MMC officer [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] Insurance Group Co., [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] letter to [illegible] Hart-Nor [illegible].

1/10/95

Spartanburg Co., SC Court House
Office of the Probate Court

General Index to Probate Court, 1785-87 to 1983,
WILDER, p. 49

There are no "old" WILDERs —

The oldest one is 1968.

There are only 7 WILDERs listed —
from 1968 — 1981 — none older!

WILDER

AND SOME CONNECTING (ESPECIALLY SOME WARE)

FAMILIES

in the *SOUTHEASTERN* United States of America

A belated, 'though very incomplete, report of such part of them, of their origins, of their migrations and of their genealogies, as could be found in a cursory search by:

WILLIAM MURTHA WILDER,
1124 Dawson Road
Albany, Georgia, August 15, 1945.

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THE WILDER COAT OF ARMS

Bestowed on Nicholas Wilder of "Nunhide," Berkshire County, on April 15th, 1497 along with the Land Grant of "Sulham," same County, by King Henry VII, for services to him, then the Earl of Richmond, in the Norman Invasion, landing at Milford Haven, and the Battle of Bosworth, in the year of 1485 A. D.

Arms: "Gules, from a fews, Or. Charged with two barrulets Azure. A demi lion rampant issuent of the second."

Crest: "A savage's head affrontee, couped at the shoulders, the temples entwined with woodbines, all proper."

Motto: "Virtuti Moenia Cedent" (The strongest wall yields to persistence).

No. "A"-1.

The E D W A R D W I L D E R

First of that Family to settle in the Virginia Colony - about 1648.

After some three hundred years of seeming neglect, this is going to be an attempt to record in as orderly, and in as complete manner, as our own puny efforts and such cooperation of our available Collaborators have made possible, some of the Descendents of that Edward Wilder and his wife Ann, after their arrival in the Lower Norfolk County, Virginia Colony, before the year of 1652, that we could come by.

As far as we are able to find, he is the first of that Family Name to appear in the Colonial Records of Virginia. But just when he landed there and where he came from has not yet been fully established. Authentic documented information begins on December 6, 1652, when he is shown patenting 200 acres of Land on MOCK JOCK BAY OF DEEP CREEK and WARE RIVER, adjoining his other lands on which he had previously settled his family, according to Page 272 of "Nungent's Pioneers and Cavaliers of Virginia" and to Page 174, Book No. 3 of Virginia Land Patents. All mention of him ends with the probation of his Will in Lower Norfolk County Records on September 15, 1687, in which his wife Ann and son, Henry, are named Executors and another son, Mickall, is named heir with them. However, those same County Records, also, show that Edward and Ann Wilder deeded their "Wooded Land to Son, Francis, (II)" on May 10, 1681, and there may have been other older Children settled with previously. Those Court Records also show that Edward Wilder was appointed on the Church Building Committee in 1659, giving his age as about 30 years, and other entries establish the birth of his wife, Ann Wilder, about the year of 1629.

Incomplete Records in the hands of the Harry H. Wilder Family, in the City of READING, BERKSHIRE COUNTY, England in 1944, indicate the possibility that this (Virginia) Edward Wilder, "could have been a grandson of "Henry" of the Combe Hants, the great-grandson of JOHN WILDER, of the NUNHIDE ESTATE, therefore the great-great-grandson of the NICHOLAS WILDER (himself) of the SULHAM Estate, who came from Normandy, France, with the Earl of Richmond, in the Invasion, in the year of 1485. The EDWARD of that Line, of appropriate age, had an older brother, "John" who would inherit, and remain on the Estate, and he, also, had a brother named "FRANCIS" who as did the Virginia Edward, came to America. Francis settled in the Colony of Maryland. This provides some basis for a connection between the Edward and Francis brothers, in these two Southern Colonies with the brothers,

Edward and Francis, of the appropriate period in England. There is some discrepancy however, between the ages and names of the wives of the Edward in Virginia, and the Edward in England, which may be due to the incompleteness of the early Virginia Records that are now available, of that the Wife named Marie, shown on Chart "A" in England in 1645, may have died soon thereafter, prompting Edward to seek a new start in his life with a new wife in a new home of his own in a brand new country.

By using such positive information as we do have, we can now start a Genealogical Record for this EDWARD WILDER, The first of that family name found in the Virginia Colony Records some time before 1652, through three children: Francis (II), Henry and Mickall found in the early Virginia records so far by the Author's incomplete search, as follows:

B-1. F R A N C I S W I L D E R (II).

Son of No. "A" Edward Wilder and wife Ann Wilder, is believed to have been born in the Lower Norfolk County Section of the Virginia Colony before the year of 1652, and and that as he was a Nephew of his Uncle Francis Wilder who is found to have been the first of that Family name in the Maryland Colony that established himself on Bird's Creek, Charles County about the same time as his brother Edward settled in Virginia. The scant information so far found by the incomplete search of this author, is that the Will of this Francis Wilder (II) was probated in Norfolk County in 1723 showing that his children included Samuel, Jeremiah, Michal (Mrs. Joseph Sawyer), and a daughter, deceased before the will, Mrs. Thomas Voss.

Of these, we have been able to come by considerable information: on No. C-1. Samuel and C-3. Michael (II) as their Descendents roamed southward through lower Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida before turning Westward to the Pacific Ocean's shores during the next three hundred years.

(As the other two sons of Edward and Ann Wilder: B-2. Henry and B-3. Mickall, have not yet been explored and no data acquired on them so far, we will merely note them in the appropriate sequence, at the end of the record of B-1. Francis (II), in order to record tham as part of the 2nd, or "B" Generation from EDWARD of Virginia, which itself, is far from complete.)

I-3. George Lee Morton, Jr. b 1907, not married, lives 2855 Peachtree Rd., Atlanta, Georgia.

F-4. Anna Wilder, dau of E-6. Abram, Sr., b 5/25/1815 m 1/19/1837 Richard Taylor, and they had:
G-1. Ann Malissa Taylor b 2/24/1838 - n f i.

F-5. Elizabeth Wilder b December 1817 - n f i.

SECOND GRANDSON OF EDWARD WILDER,
THE VIRGINIA COLONY EMIGRANT

(Not Yet Researched)

C-2. Jeremiah Wilder, 2nd son of No. B-2. Francis Wilder II, No record of his birth, death, residence or Marriage and descendents, has been attempted by this effort. It is known that he married Rachael Culpepper of Lower Norfolk County Colony, a sister of his brother Michael's wife, Ann Culpepper. There occasionally comes to light, various Wilders not descending from No. C-1. Samuel or C-3. Michael (II) who might have descended from this Jeremiah and have not yet been connected with him --- just as in the case of his Uncle No. B-2. Henry and B-3. Mickall. These unconnected groups are now carried (temporarily) in Chapter 5.

→ C-3. MICHAEL WILDER (II)

A NORTH CAROLINA WILDER PIONEER,
starting a large and long line there about 1710

This, the third child of No. B-I. Francis Wilder (II), (and a grandson of the No. "A" The EDWARD WILDER who founded this line in the Virginia Colony) was born in the Lower Norfolk County of the Virginia Colony about 1680-85. Complete information not yet established, except that he married Ann Culpepper in Lower Norfolk, a Sister of the Rachael Culpepper who married his Brother No. C-2. Jeremiah Wilder both emigrating to the Chowan County Section of the North Carolina Colony. Among the known descendents of Michael (II) and Ann Culpepper Wilder are: (I) John Chowan Wilder, (2) Job, (3) William, (4) Francis (III), (5) Mial (Michael (III), (6) Hopkins, (7) Robert, and (8) Nathaniel, about whose descendents we have the following incomplete recordings. There may have been others, including Daughters, not yet identified.

D-1. John Chowan Wilder (II), who left his will in Chowan Co. NC in 1806 naming the following heirs:
E-1. Rachel Wilder (no information as yet)
E-2. Rebecca Wilder m Harnett Harney, Bertie Co., NC, 1830.
E-3. Richard Wilder who left his will naming:
F-1. Thomas C. Wilder
F-2. Sarah E. Wilder

→ D-2. Job Wilder, son of Michael and Ann Culpepper Wilder. The Lancaster Co. Va. Will and Deed Book No. 12, mentions on Page 209 that he sold land there in 1731 to Charles Burgess that he had acquired in1727 from Nehemiah Jones; and Job's wife, Elizabeth, signed with him waivering her dowry rights therein. Information about their children is not complete, but indications are that among them were: George, Jesse and Michael (III).
E-1. George Wilder, son of Job and Elizabeth Wilder, m Sukey Davis in Lancaster Co. Va. in 1736.
E-2. Jesse Wilder and wife Mary, deed Jno. Deege land there in the year 1786.
E-3. Michael Wilder (III) leaves his will in Lancaster Co. Va. in 1746 on page 138 of D&W Book No. 14, mentioning his wife Susannah, Daughters: Lydia, Elizabeth and Sidure, & sons: Michael (IV), Nathaniel and Jonathan.
F-1. Lydia Wilder (no data).
F-2. Elizabeth Wilder
F-3. Sidure Wilder
F-4. Michael Wilder (IV) who among other chil-

dren had

G-1. Michael Wilder (V) m Nancy Hammonds in Lancaster County Virginia in 6/15/1842.

H-1. Michael Herndon Wilder b Lancaster Co. m Emma Hammonds, lived Irvington Va. after serving in 55th Va. Inf. C.S. Army

I-1. Harriette Ann Wilder m L.H. Riles

I-2. James Newman Wilder

I-3. Wayland D. Wilder b 1873 m Blanche Vandeberry and had:

J-1. Kenneth Wilder

J-2. Nancy Ellen Wilder m F. T. Zim

I-4. Lucy C. Wilder m A.J. Hamilton

I-5. Eugene L. Wilder b 1875 m M. Huie

J-1. Huie H. Wilder

I-6. Clara V. Wilder m E. W. Meekins.

J-1. Camille Wilder Meekins

G-2. Sarah Catherine Wilder m Thomas J. Hayden

G-3. Newman Wilder d in Confederate Army in Civil War.

F-5. Nathaniel Wilder, son of Michael Wilder (III) of Lancaster Co. Va., d in Franklin Co. Tenn. 2/22/1832 in his 67th year. Had m Elizabeth Hampton there in 1823 and they had:

G-1. Nathaniel Wilder, Jr. born Tenn., 1824, d Pike Co., Ind., 1893. had m. 1st Polly Murphy, b. South Carolina, ca. July 23, 1814, d April 6, 1862, buried Center Cemetery, Warrick Co., Ind. They had:

H-1. Henderson Wilder, b 1832, Tenn. (Franklin Co. Tenn.

H-2. John Wilder, born 1835, Franklin Co., Tenn, had m. Sarah_____, and they had:

I-1. Frank Wilder

I-2. Thomas Wilder

I-3. Emma Wilder

H-3. Benjamin Owens Wilder, born March 25, 1836 Franklin Co., Tenn., died Feb. 28, 1922, Pike Co., Ind., buried at Log Creek Cemetery, had m. 1862 Susan Aiken.

H-4. William S. Wilder,II, born Feb.10, 1839, Franklin Co.. Tenn., died Oct. 16, 1896,

buried Center Cemetery, Warrick Co., Indiana. A corporal in Company "D", 143rd Indiana Volunteers, enlisted Feb.4, 1865 at Evansville, Ind., discharged Oct. 17, 1865. Had married 1st Loumira Bryant. born Indiana, died before 1877 and buried Pike County, Indiana. Had 5 children by this marriage:

I-1. Laura Wilder, born Oct. 9, 1862 in Pike Co., Ind., died June 21, 1902, buried Day Cemetery, Warrick Co., Indiana, had m. April 2, 1886 in Warrick Co., Ind. Joseph Silas Siscel born Aug 30, 1862, Perry Co., Ind., died Oct. 20, 1940, Vanderburgh Co., Indiana, buried Day Cemetery, Warrick Co., Ind. They had 3 children:

J-1. Sina Siscel, born Feb. 21, 1887, Warrick Co., Indiana. married William McGill, no children.

J-2. Lula E. Siscel, born March 19, 1889, Warrick Co., Indiana, married July 5, 1910, Franklin Scott Wallace in Vanderburgh Co., Indiana, had 1 child:

K-1. Charles Edward Wallace, born Nov. 18, 1914, married Nov. 23, 1939 to Maurine Overfield, b. July 24,1916 Butler Co., Mo., and reported this information on G-1 Nathaniel Wilder, Jr. Had 1 child:

L-1. Alan Gordon Wallace, born June 18, 1946 Vermilion Co., Illinois.

J-3. William S. Siscel born Sept. 6, 1895, Warrick Co., Ind., died Oct. 8, 1918, Vanderburgh Co., Ind., buried Day Cemetery, Warrick Co., Ind. did not marry.

I-2. Lottie Wilder, born 1873, Indiana, m. 1st Charles Vanada, 2nd _____Brewer.

I-3. Loustella (called Stella) Wilder, born 1875, Indiana, married _____Christmas.

I-4. George W. Wilder, II, born ca. 1864, Indiana, m. Letha Lee. Was a soldier in the Spanish American War.

I-5. Calvin Wilder, born 1870, Indiana, married Ida Anderson.

H-4. William S. Wilder,II, married 2nd (May 10, 1877 Pike Co., Ind.) to Juliana E. Dedman, b 1855, died May 9, 1910 and had 5 children:

I-6. Ethelda (called Fed) Wilder, b. 1878, Indiana, married John Anderson.

I-7. William Wilder, Jr., b. 1879, Indiana, married Grace Works.

I-8. Synthia Wilder, b. Oct. 29, 1881, died Aug. 9, 1884, Ind. buried Center Cemetery,

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ton
nn 1867 m (1) James Bass (no chil-
Cumberland, Maryland. They had:
n infancy
m Earl Roberts lived Pelham, Tenn.
der b in Tenn. 1871 m William Hill

Elizabeth Wilder, b in Franklin

ave no further details
and Elizabeth Wilder) b in Tenn.
own) went to Tate Co., Miss. and
:
et.
ther details.
925 d 1875 after he had m Katherine

Greenleaf, Miss. 3/4/1860 m Mary

er b Memphis, Tenn. 12/10/1888
lived Forrest City, Ark. and had:
b 12/21/1921 m Edward Rountree

Rountree, Jr.
Jane Rountree
Charles Rountree
er b Memphis 12/2/1890 m Bertha

on Wilder b Memphis 1918 m Mary
942 lived in Sacramento, Calif.
L. Wilder b 1946
lder b Memphis 1915 .No further inf
er b Memphis 1916 m Lois Jane
2/3/1925) Lake City, Minn 8/16/1947
ane Wilder b St. Paul, Minn
2
izabeth Wilder b Encino, Calif.
57
Memphis 1862 m William Bowman had:
mes Orr and had:
r.
m and had 2 sons
but details unknown
b Memphis 1865 m Julia Sims and had

J-1. Edward Drayton Wilder, Jr. m and had 5 daughters, three dying young and:
K-1. Sally Ann Wilder m Mr. Bond. No further information.
K-2. Dorothy Elizabeth Wilder. No details.

I-4. Albert Pike Wilder b Memphis 1868 m Mary Green, had:
J-1. Albert Pike Wilder, Jr. No further information

I-5. Katie May Wilder b Memphis 1871 went to Portland, Oregon m William Morgan and had:
J-1. Mae Morgan. No further information
J-2. Lillian Morgan
J-3. Marion Morgan
J-4. William Morgan, Jr.

I-6. Jessie Boyd Wilder (II) b Memphis 3/12/1874 m J. E. Rogers lived 518 Stonewall St. There 1948.

→ F-6. Jonathan Wilder (son of E-3 Michael Wilder III) left his will in Lancaster Co., Va. 1786/8 p 83 D&W book no. 22. Among other items, he left a young son William under the guardianship of John Watts. This Jonathan had married twice, all details about wives and their children not yet established. But a son James left his will supposedly before Jonathan's death, on page 84 of same D&W Book No. 22. Some of Jonathan's children are:

G-1. Jonathan Wilder, Jr. b (supposedly) Alexandria, Va. 6/21/1768. d elsewhere 2/9/1848. There is a record of a Jonathan Wilder marrying Mary Overstreet 3/18/1794 at Lancaster Co. Va. (p79 Marriage Record 1701/48). Their children are:
H-1. Ralph Wilder b Lancaster Co. Va. 1796
H-2. Joseph Wilder b same, 12/22/1798
H-3. Nancy Wilder b same 6/14/1802
H-4. John J. Wilder b Norfolk, Va. 4/14/1804 m Sarah H. Gordon (1813-1887) d Montgomery, Ala. 1869 where both are buried.
I-1. Sarah Wilder b 1826
I-2. Charles Wilder b 1829 d 1873 in Sumter Co. S.C. m Oct 1858 no information.
I-3. James P. Wilder b 1831 d 1840
I-4. Robert R. Wilder b 1834 d 1842
I-5. Mary Elizabeth Wilder (daughter of H-4. John J. Wilder & wife Sarah H. Gordon) b 1831 in Alabama d at Bartlett, (Bell Co.) Texas in 1881. She m Benjamin Franklin Gordon Sr. in Alabama and they had, among others,
J-1. Nonnie (_____) Gordon b in Alabama m _____ Thompsom and lived at Gano, Texas, where they had 9 sons and 1 daughter, the details not yet available,

twin with Perry John b 7/3/
s m Kenneth Dare Shelly in
1947. They had:
elly b 8/5/1949, Kermit, Tex
ly b 12/20/1950
nelly b 11/27/1956
Rockdale, Tex. 5/8/1936 m
rison, Kermit 5/29/1957. Had
der b Kermit, Tex 4/12/1957
on Co. Tex. 3/3/1890 m
a Ross b 6/30/1890, Alvorado,
had:
er b 5/3/1914 m 4/29/1939 to
nan b 7/18/1912 at Taylor,
ex. They had;
leman b 3/3/1946 Taylor
leman b 12/16/1948 d 12/20/49
Holeman b 11/18/1950
b 1/10/1917 m 4/29/1949 to
. She has 2 children by first
y Rodney R.
ilder b 8/20/1941
Wilder b 3/18/1944
, Tex. 4/26/1892 m 12/11/
11/6/1885 at Shiloh, Texas
ons b 6/28/1913 Shiloh m
, Tex. to Vernod Brundige b
r. They had:
l Brundige b 2/18/1936 at

se Brundige b 3/3/1939
s b Shiloh, Texas 1/9/1916 m
e Sloan b 12/23/1915
ons b 11/22/1917 m 4/11/1934
Gibson b 8/19/1916 in Biggers

mons b 7/22/1947, Shiloh,Tex
ons b Shiloh, 11/11/1953
ex 9/20/1893 m 3/6/1919 Tom
at Thorndale, Tex. & had:
12/26/1919 d 6/19/1922
8/15 1921, Thorndale, Tex.,
ger Tex, b 4/5/1913 Winters,

ickens b 7/12/1944 Sn Antonio
kens b 10/6/1945 San Antonio
ckens b Spur, Tex. 10/28/
3
ickens b 9/20/50 San Antonio
b Granger, Tex 1/31/1925 m
Chimeno. They had:
sague, Jr. b Houston, Tex.

'52

10/24/1950
L-2. Tommy Russell Teague b Houston Tex. 8/1/1953.

G-2. James Wilder (son of F-6 Jonathan Wilder of Lancaster Co., Va.) who also left will on p 84 Book 22 in 1788 bequething his property to his father & his sisters & brothers, except to his brother Spencer. It was contingent upon Spencer's coming back home (from S. C.)

G-3. Francis Wilder

G-4. Mary James Wilder

→ G-5. Spencer Wilder (son of F-6 Jonathan Wilder) who may have m twice, but he did m Sally Yopp in Lancaster Co Va in 1789 with whom he settled in S. Carolina with his younger half brothers. Both Spencer and Sally are interred in old Hoyt Cemetery in Sumter, S.C. They Had:

H-1. Hulda Wilda b in S.C.1790 m William Mellett
- I-1. Cyrus Mellett (son of Hulda Wilder & William Mellett) lived Austin, Texas.
- I-2. Susan Mellett m Mr. Conway lived in La.
- I-3. Sarah Mellett m Judge William Lewiss in S.C.

H-2. Thomas James Wilder b in S.C. in 1794 d there 1859 (son of G-5 Spencer Wilder and wife Sally Yopp from Lancaster Co., Va.) Thomas m twice (1) to Elizabeth Bradford wed in 1837 (2) Mrs. Amanda Diggs Pitts, a widow of Sumter, S.C.--by Elizabeth, had:

I-1. Theresa Constantia Wilder b 12/5/1814 d 12/28/1881 m about 1849 to John Matthias James (b 9/18/1810 d 3/18/1886) they had:
- J-1. Emma Polk James who d young.
- J-2. Walter Wilder James who d young.
- J-3. Theresa Eliza James who d young.
- J-4. Leonora Ulrica James who d young.
- J-5. John Manigalt James b 1848 d 1902 m Katherine _____? of Norfolk, Va. & had:
  - K-1. Hudson James no further information.
  - K-2. Margaret James no further infor.
  - K-3. John Manigalt James, Jr. no further information.
- J-6. Thomas Wilder James b 1849 d 1921 never married.
- J-7. Eugene Robert James b Darlington, S.C. b 6/22/1851 d in Ga. 7/9/1909 m about 1883 Mrs. Savannah Amanda Read Henry a widow with two children (she was b at Covington, Ga. 6/11/1845 and d at Austell, Ga. 7/25/1938) they lived also at Hampton, Ga. and had:
  - K-1. Harry James b Hampton, Ga. 4/30/1885 d Austell, Ga. 1966 never married.
  - K-2. Eugene Robert James, Jr. b 12/25/1887 Hampton, Ga. d Augusta, Ga. 10/15/1945 m 12/16/1920 at Danville,

K-4. Julia Bernice Wilder b 1914 m Alva McDonald and had:
L-1. Julian McDonald b 1939.
K-5. Francis Wayne Wilder b 1917 m 1940 Lilian May Cope. S.C. and had:
L-1. Elizabeth Wayne Wilder b 1941.
2. Robert Wayne Wilder b 1943.

ROEBUCK WILDER

A pioneer heading a large line that scattered westward.

→ H-3. ROEBUCK WILDER (son of G-5, Spencer Wilder & Sally Yapp) A pioneer settler to Ala. then to Miss. born in S. C. abt 1800, m Annie Holland in Ga., & moved to Hillsboro, Ala. section where he d 1845. No information yet as to the place & date of his birth, nor are all of their children yet determined, but among them are 3 sons who went to other states.

I-1. Reason Wilder, no data on b & d but it is knows that he m a Miss. Russell, and that they had:
J-1. Roebuck Wilder II who d at the age of 18 yrs.

I-2. Washington Wilder, moved to Clear Springs, Ark, & then to Dallas, Tex., m (1) Mary Ann Russell by whom had:
J-1. Annie Wilder m Mr. Farmer.
2. William F. Wilder m Miss Bridges.
3. Elizabeth A. Wilder m Mr. Bridges.
4. Reason R. Wilder b Arkadelphia, Ark, 1891 d 1925 m Liss Lennie Willis, and had:
K-1. Cahrles Wilder b 1898 m Laura Russell.
(by 2nd wife Miss Cagel, W. Wilder had:)
J-5. Spencer Lee Wilder b Arkadelphia 1882 m Ellen Herrage & lived at Bonham, Tex., where they had:
K-1. Thos. W. Wilder, b Tex., 1905 m Morene Hall.
2. Henry L. Wilder b 1907 m Jenice Toller.
3. Jewel R. Wilder b 1908 m Vergo Stephens.
4. Floyd Wilder b abt 1911 m Miss Nellie ?

I-3. William Pinkney Wilder b in Ala. abt 1825 m Clemintine Whiteside & lived at Pontotoc, Miss. & had:
J-1. Franklin Henderson Wilder b Pontotoc 2/24/1850 m in 1876 d 2/20/1913, Fannie Russell b 9/5/1858 d 2/23/1956 and had:
K-1. Robert Lee Wilder b 12/24/1877 m 1898 Hollie Caldwell and had:
L-1. Franklin Lee Wilder m 3/18/1923 Kate Lee Thompson and had:
M-1. Lois Evelyn Wilder b 3/17/1928 m Stanley Ford Patterson & had
N-1. Patsy Mae Patterson b1947
2. Peggy J. Patterson b 1950
3. Sandra L. Patterson b1953
4. William F.Patterson b1956
5. Stanley Patterson b 1959.
M-2. Margaret Ann Wilder m 12/29/19__ James Martin Parmer.

→ G-6. John Wilder, (son of F-6 Jonathan Wilder and his 2nd wife, name not known) who with two younger minor brothers Vincent & William, were left under the guardianship of John Watts--These also settled in S.Carolina. This john Wilder left a will in Sumter. Co., S. C. showing among his children to be:

→ H-1. Hiram Wilder, about whom we have no information.

2. James Wilder (II), about whom traditional information is that among his children was:

→ I-1. China Wilder, b S.C. 11/24/1804, m Ann Sellers or Salliers in Caldwell Co., Ky. 3/26/1828 & they settled in Carroll Co., Tenn., where he bought 277 acres of wild land from the Univ. of N. Carolina, which was still in the hands of his grandson Gordon Jones Wilder, some times a U.S. Congressman from Tenn., living at Huntington, Tenn. in 1951, where he conducted an auto sales and service business.

J-1. Martha J. Wilder (dau.of China & Ann Wilder) b Tenn. 1829 d 1875 m 1849.

2. James W. Wilder b Tenn. and m 3 times,1st in Ark. in 1861, last time in Carroll Co., Tenn. to Lizzie Bobo. Among his children is:

K-1. James W. Wilder, Jr. b Huntington, Tenn. in 1891 and lives there in 1950.

J-3. Sarah W. Wilder b Tenn. 1832 m 1850.

4. William C. Wilder b Tenn. 1834.

5. Mary E. Wilder b Tenn. 1837.

6. Milton S. Wilder b Tenn. 1839 m Miss Coleman.

7. Robert B. Wilder b Tenn. 1840 was a medical doctor.

8. Francis A. Wilder b Tenn. 1844.

9. John Clement Wilder, b Carroll Co., Tenn 9/17/1847 d 11/9/1927 m 6/26/1872 Susan F. Jones and had:

K-1. Lenora N. Wilder b 1873 m Winston Bradford and had:

L-1. Pauline Bradford who d in infancy.

K-2. Robert A. Wilder b 1874 in Tenn. m Bessie W. Payne 1896 who d 1962 and had:

L-1. John Clement Wilder, II b Tenn living in Tulsa, Okla. m Mabel Brown.

K-3. Bernice L. Wilder b Tenn. 1876 d 1881.

4. Finis E. Wilder b Tenn.1878 d 1880.

K-5. John M. Wilder b 1881 in Tenn d 1908, no children.

6. Fannie E. Wilder b in Tenn. 1

7. Olga E. Wilder b in Tenn. 188 and had:

L-1. Frances Beverly Eason b Perry and had:

M-1. John H. Perry b 193

2. Frederick Eason Per

L-2. Elizabeth Allen Eason b

3. William Howard Eason, Jr of Nashville, Tenn. and

M-1. William H. Eason, I

2. Glenn Wilder Eason

3. John Cheek Eason b

K-8. Mary Lou Wilder b 1887 d 1889

9. Gordon Jones Wilder b in Hunt m 1914 Nina Newbill and had:

L-1. Gordon Jones Wilder, Jr. 1953 Charleen Moss of Na

M-1. Nancy Patrick Wilde

2. Robert Michael Wild

L-2. Mary E. Wilder b inHunti West, Jr. and had:

M-1. W. K. West, III b 1

2. Mary Margret West b

K-10. Lola Adele Wilder b 1894 in H J. W. Atkins of Henry, Tenn.

L-1. J. W. Atkins, Jr. b 1922 Jane W. Sexton of Murray

M-1. Nancy Dudley Atkins

2. John Sexton Atkins

L-2. James Olin Atkins b 1936 McKenzie Tenn. and had:

M-1. Mary Renee Atkins b

I-2. Mary D. Wilder, sister of Chir d Big Bear Creek, Ala. Colbert son in 1834 and had among othe isters: Henry Thomason in Miss pson in Texas & Jno. A. Thomps

G-7. Vincent Wilder,son of F-6 Jona caster Co., Va. came to S.C. a Co., naming wife & children as

H-1. William S. Wilder II.

2. Griffin Wilder.

3. Nancy Wilder who m Willia

. C. (census) m Caroline ------ b
& had:
1867, S. C. (census)
b 1869, S. C. (census)
1872, S. C. (census)
844, S. C. (census) m Thomas Gedd-
ensus) living 1880, Maysville,
Co., S. C. & had:
b 1871, S. C. (census)
b 1873, S. C. (census)
b 1876, S. C. (census)
Jr. b 1878, S. C. (census)
6, S. C. (census) m Sarah ---- b
& had:
870, S. C. (census).
1871, S. C. (census)
b 1873, S. C. (census)
b 1877, S. C. (census)
b 1879 S. C. (census).

1848, S. C. (census) in 1870 cen-
C. these two shown living with
ther-in-law, Thomas Geddings,

G-8. WILLIAM WILDER, a minor son mentioned in the will of Jonathan Wilder of Lancaster Co., Va. and put under the guardianship of John Watts, went to S. C. upon coming "of age" where he lived among kinspeople who had preceed ed him there. Information is not complete, and he may have emigrated to other points in the Southeastern section(Jefferson Co., Ala.), but it is indicated that among his children are John Wilder.

H-1. John Wilder who m Cenia Jordan, and they left S.C. and settled in virgin Ala. lands recently cut out of Ga., that is now Jefferson Co., Ala. Complete data about this John and his parents are not now available, except the traditions that their forbears came from the Lancaster Co., Va. section to S. C., and then into Ala. where they had: William Carroll Wilder, Martha, James, John Jordan Wilder, Daniel, Garrett and Mary, about whom we do have more definite information that follows:

I-1. William Carrol Wilder b Jeff. Co., Ala. abt 1828 d Shelby Co., Ala. abt 1905, m Cassie Ann Holcomb and had:

J-1. Bethinda Rhoceme Wilder b abt 1856 m John M. Ray and had:

K-1. John Franklin Ray m and moved to Columbia, and had 4 children.
2. Martha Ann Ray m Robert Walton.
3. Ethel Sandra Ray d unmarried.
4. Elms Curray Ray m Mamie Eliot.
5. William Rufus Ray m Ethel Wharton.
6. Edward Marshall Ray m & lived in Missouri.
7. Vernon DeMond Ray d an infant.
8. Dr. Elgin Ray, M.D. m Mary Parker lived Andalusia, Ala.

J-2. John Tarlton Judson Wilder b abt 1858 d abt 1931 in Shelby Co., Ala. m (1) Roberta Dunlap there abt 1880 who d 8/6/1889 then m (2) the widow Augusta Gilbert in Feb. of 1890 By Roberta he had:

K-1. Eric Wilder b in Shelby Co. 1882 d very young unmarried.
2. Annie Wilder b Shelby Co. 7/24/1884 now living at 1608 - 25th St., S. W B'ham, Ala. m 5/28/1905 Martin Moonery and had:

L-1. Johnnie Lucile Mooney b Chelsea, Ala. 9/29/1906 who m 12/19/1931 Malvin C. Harper at Columbianna, Ala. lived in B'ham and had:

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WICKER, Keziah, decd, LWT pvd 5/2/1831, John Wicker and J. Warthen, exrs, Washington
WICKER, Linny, orph of William, decd, L/G issued Benjamin Wicker 9/7/1835, Washington
WICKER, Susannah, orph of William, decd, L/G issued Benjamin Wicker 9/7/1835, Washington
WICKER, Thomas, decd, Dennis Joseph issued L/A 1/20/1824; 1828 retn pd John, William, Benjamin and James Wicker. John Mills and wife, Robert Worthy and wife, Thomas Underwood and wife, John Beasley and wife, D. W. Crawford and wife, Monroe Co., Ga. land, Richmond, AB
WICKER, William, decd, L/A issued to Richard Warthen 9/12/1829, Washington
WIDINGTON, Robert, decd, Charity and Zeno Widington issued L/A 9/14/1812, Putnam, AB
WIGGANS, William, decd, James Wiggans, admr, est appraised, Emanuel, A
WIGGINS, Abraham, minor of Jesse, Benjamin Land, gdn, John C. hargraves, Timothy Matthews, surs, 9/5/1808, Warren, MIC, AB
WIGGINS, Belinda, minor of Jesse, Benjamin Lane, gdn, John C. Lane and Abraham L. Kirk, surs, 1/18/1849, Emanuel, GB
WIGGINS, Edmund, decd, Mary Wiggins exr of LWT 2/10/1790, Chatham, Adms
WIGGINS, Francis, minor of Jesse, Benjamin Lane, gdn, John C. Lane, Abraham L. Kirk, sur, 1/18/1849, Emanuel, GB
WIGGINS, Grace, minor of Jesse, Benjamin Lane, gdn, John C. Lane, Abraham L. Kirk, sur, 1/18/1849, Emanuel, GB
WIGGINS, Grady, John Wiggins apptd gdn, Henry Durden, Jesse Scarborough, sur, 9/6/1830, Emanuel, GB
WIGGINS, John R., decd, James A. Wiggins gtd L/A 7/7/1834, Baldwin
WIGGINS, Michael, minor of Jesse, Benjamin Lane, gdn, John C. Lane, Abraham L. Kirk, sur, 1/18/1849, Emanuel, GB
WIGGINS, Peter, decd, Rebecca Wiggins, Reuben May, admrs, 5/6/1822, Joel Neal, Peter May, surs, Warren, AB
WIGGINS, Salita, minor of Jesse, Benjamin Lane, gdn, John C. Lane, Abraham L. Kirk, sur, 1/18/1849, Emanuel, GB
WIGGINS, William, James Wiggins apptd gdn, John R. Daniell, sur, 9/5/1827, Emanuel, GB
WIGGINS, William, decd, James Wiggins apptd admr, Owen Fountain, William B. Nabb, sur, 9/7/1829, Emanuel, AB
WIGINS, Dicy, orph of Richard L., John McCullers issued L/G 1/9/1843, Washington
WIGINS, Edmund, orph of Richard L., John McCullers issued L/G 1/9/1843, Washington
WIGINS, Richard L., decd, John McCullers issued L/A 11/7/1842, Washington
WIGINS, William, decd, Eli Fenn issued L/A 1/5/1842, Washington
WIGINS, William, orph of Richard L., John McCullers issued L/G 1/9/1843, Washington
WILDER, William, decd, LWT pvd 4/19/1784, Wilkes, MxR
WILDER, William, decd, formerly of Wilkes Co., Sampson Wilder, admr de bonis non, 9/24/1822, Moses Alexander, sur, Warren, AB
WILERFORD, Wilson A., orph of Wilson P., decd, Charles W. Wilerford, gdn, Daniel D. Denham, sur, 1/1851, Fayette, GB
WILEY, Alexander, decd, William Lesly applied for L/A 5/25/1799, Greene, Misc
WILEY, George W., orph of John T., decd, John McCoy, gdn, Elijah McCoy, sur, 5/12/1856, Cherokee, GB
WILEY, John J., decd, Allen Woodall, admr, 6/1/1857, W. Wood, sur, DeKalb, AB

WILEY, Nicholas, orph and minor of Peter, decd, bound as apprentice to Henry Davis, carpenter, 1/1806, Oglethorpe, MIC
WILFS, James, decd, Burket Retnfrow, admr, R. Rentfrow, sur, 7/1844, Fayette, GB
WILHOIT, Adam, decd, 12/8/1801 Adam Gaar s recpt-he recd his father's pt of est /s/Michael & George Wilhoit, James Brown & Abraham Gaar. "each legatee to Adam Gaar for riding to Madison Court House, Va. and selling above estate", Elbert, AR
WILKERSON, Thomas, decd, David G. Hardwick issued L/A 7/3/1826, John Sidwell, sec, AB
WILKES, Benjamin, decd, L/A gtd Sarah, Moses and Aaron Wilkes, 3/1808, Oglethorpe, OM
WILKINS, Hill, minor son of Zachariah, Daniel P. Monroe and James L. Baird, gdns, 12/14/1858, Dawson, WB
WILKINS, John, decd, 7/1/1809 inventory, Thomas Wilkins, admr, Elbert, AR
WILKINS, John, decd, Micajah Williamson apptd admr 9/18/1783, Wilkes, MxR
WILKINS, John, decd, Paul Hambleton Wilkins apptd admr 12/24/1789, Chatham, Adms
WILKINS, Jonathan, decd, George Threadcraft requests for adm 5/1/1784, apptd admr 9/4/1784, Chatham, Adms
WILKINS, Thomas W., decd, Drury Pace, admr, 6/1/1863, DeKalb, AB
WILKINSON, Allen, decd, John Spears, Thomas Hickson, Richard Mitchell, admrs, 5/22/1834, Harris
WILKINSON, Ann G., orph of Young, decd, Charles Kinman, gdn, 9/7/1818, Morgan, GB
WILKINSON, Duncan, decd, Alexander Wilkinson, Thomas Hickson, admrs, 1/12/1835, Harris
WILKINSON, Hazelwood, decd, David Sidwell issued L/A 3/4/1816, John Sidwell, Thomas Davis, secs; Charles Kinnon and Erwin Morgan issued L/A 3/10/1818, Morgan, AB
WILKINSON, Young, decd, Lucy Wilkinson issued L/A 3/4/1816, Thomas and James Head, secs; Lucy Wilkinson, gdn of orph: Ann G., 3/18/1816, William Gill, sec, Morgan, AB
WILKISON, Lemuel, decd, Joseph Dobson, gdn of orphs: Elizabeth and Samuel 11/1828, Habersham, MIC
WILKISON, Mary's illegitimate child, Joseph Dobson, gdn, applies for leave to sell 150 acres, 9th Dist., Carroll Co., 5/2/1831, Habersham, MIC
WILLBANKS, Hezekiah, gdn of his ch: Nancy Jane, Mary Ann E., William H., Martha Ann, Margarett Ann, Francis P., Armina K., John Lewis and George W.; Mackey A. Keith, sur, 11/11/1859, Cherokee
WILLCOX, James W., decd, John Willcox, Jr. issued L/A 8/5/1829, Martin Willcox, sec, Richmond, AB
WILLCOX, John, Sr., decd, Martha and John Willcox, Jr. issued L/A 11/16/1829, Martin Willvox, Robert Thomas, secs; heirs: Martha Willcox, Isaac Downs and wife, Betsy, Sarah and Wm Whitehead, Richmond, AB
WILLCOX, William W., decd, John Willcox, Sr. and Martin Willcox issued L/A 3/6/1822, Christopher Fletcher, B. B. Mitchell, secs, Richmond, AB
WILLFORD, Harvey, decd, Elliott Honeywell issued L/A 1/20/1824, Thomas Quisenberry, David Smith, secs, Richmond, AB
WILLIAMS, A. B., decd, James H. Williams, admr, 5/1852, 1851-1854 retns; Thomas Mathews, gdn of orphs, 11/1847, John and C. E. Westmoreland, surs, Fayette, AB, GB
WILLIAMS, Asa, orph of Thomas, decd, Elizabeth Williams, gdn, 9/2/1844, Emanuel, GB
WILLIAMS, Benjamin, decd, John Barber and Benjamin Moore issued L/A 9/7/1818, Thomas Barton, sec, Morgan, AB

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AFN=Ancestral File Number

1 China WILDER
AFN: PGWB-BK
BORN: 24 Nov 1804
, Sumter, South Carolina
MAR.: 26 Mar 1828
, Caldwell, Kentucky
DIED:

SPOUSE
Ann SELLERS SALLIERS
AFN: PGWB-CQ
BORN: [1804]
DIED:

2 James WILDER
AFN: PGWB-6V
BORN: [1801]
MAR.:
DIED:

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AFN:
BORN:
DIED:

4 John WILDER
AFN: PGWB-26
BORN: 1773
MAR.:
DIED:

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DIED:

8 Jonathan WILDER
AFN: PGW2-ZQ
BORN: [1759]
MAR.:
DIED: 1786

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16 Michael WILDER
AFN: PGW1-6M
BORN: 1723

17 Susannah
AFN: PGW1-7S
BORN: [1723]

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1 Michael WILDER
AFN: PGW1-6M
BORN: 1723
MAR.:
DIED:

SPOUSE
Susannah
AFN: PGW1-7S
BORN: [1723]
DIED:

2 Job WILDER
AFN: PGW1-1R
BORN: 1700
MAR.:
DIED:

3 Elizabeth
AFN: PGW1-2X
BORN: [1700]
DIED:

4 Michael WILDER
AFN: PGWK-9C
BORN: 1680/1685
, Lower Norfolk, Virginia
MAR.:
DIED:

5 Ann CULPEPER
AFN: PGXK-74
BORN: [1680]
DIED:

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AFN:
BORN:
MAR.:
DIED:

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AFN:
BORN:
DIED:

8 Francis WILDER [II]
AFN: MS7M-N3
BORN: Abt 1650
Lower Norfolk Co, VA
MAR.:
DIED: 1723

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AFN:
BORN:
DIED:

10 Robert CULPEPER
AFN: PGXK-KT
BORN: Abt 1680
MAR.:
DIED: 1741/1743
, , Virginia

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DIED:

16 Edward WILDER
AFN: MS7M-TX
BORN: 1614

17 Ann
AFN: MS7M-LQ
BORN: Abt 1629

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20 John CULPEPER
AFN: PGXK-RV
BORN: [1654]

21 Sarah MAYO
AFN: PGXK-JN
BORN: [1658]

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1 Edward WILDER
AFN: MS7M-TX
BORN: 1614
Combe Hants,B, Uk
MAR.:
DIED: 1687
Lower Norfolk Co, VA
SPOUSE
Ann
AFN: MS7M-LQ
BORN: Abt 1629
, Lower Norfolk, Virginia
DIED:

2 John WILDER
AFN: MS7M-QF
BORN: 1581
Combe, Hants, England
MAR.: 1611
St. Laurence, Reading, Uk
DIED: 1640

3 Alice STRYER
AFN: MS7M-RL
BORN: [1581]
St.Lawrence,R, England
DIED:

4 Henry WILDER
AFN: P5SW-BO
BORN: [1553]
, , England
MAR.:
Burghfield,B, England
DIED:
Combe, Hants, England

5 Edith SAUNDERS
AFN: P5SW-C5
BORN: [1557]
Burghfield,B, England
DIED:

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AFN:
BORN:
MAR.:
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HUSBAND: Michael WILDER (AFN:PGW1-6M)

BORN: 1723 PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MAR.: PLACE:
FATHER: Job WILDER (AFN:PGW1-1R)
MOTHER: Elizabeth (AFN:PGW1-2X)
OTHER WIVES:

WIFE: Susannah (AFN:PGW1-7S)

BORN: [1723] PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
OTHER HUSBANDS:

Sex CHILDREN

1. NAME: Lydia WILDER (AFN:PGW1-80)
---- BORN: [1749] PLACE:
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

2. NAME: Elizabeth WILDER (AFN:PGW1-95)
---- BORN: [1751] PLACE:
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

3. NAME: Sidure WILDER (AFN:PGW1-BB)
---- BORN: [1753] PLACE:
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

4. NAME: Michael WILDER (AFN:PGW1-CH)
---- BORN: [1755] PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

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HUSBAND: Michael WILDER (AFN:PGW1-6M) BORN: 1723
WIFE: Susannah (AFN:PGW1-7S) BORN: [1723]

Sex CHILDREN (Continued)

5. NAME: Nathaniel WILDER (AFN:PGW1-H6)
---- BORN: [1757] PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 22 Feb 1832 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Elizabeth HAMPTON (AFN:PGW1-JC)
MAR.: PLACE:

6. NAME: Jonathan WILDER (AFN:PGW2-ZQ)
---- BORN: [1759] PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1786 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Unknown
MAR.: PLACE:

7. NAME: Josiah WILDER (AFN:PGWJ-BD)
---- BORN: [1761] PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Mary SUMTER (AFN:PGWJ-CK)
MAR.: PLACE:

8. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
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HUSBAND: Jonathan WILDER (AFN:PGW2-ZQ)

BORN: [1759] PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1786 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MAR.: PLACE:
FATHER: Michael WILDER (AFN:PGW1-6M)
MOTHER: Susannah (AFN:PGW1-7S)
OTHER WIVES:

WIFE:

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
OTHER HUSBANDS:

Sex CHILDREN

1. NAME: Jonathan WILDER (AFN:PGW3-9F)
---- BORN: 21 Jun 1768 PLACE: Alexandria, , Virginia
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 9 Feb 1848 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Mary OVERSTREET (AFN:PGW3-BL)
MAR.: 18 Mar 1794 PLACE: , Lancaster, Virginia

2. NAME: Spencer WILDER (AFN:PGW6-8N)
---- BORN: 1769 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Sally YAPP (AFN:PGW6-9T)
MAR.: 1789 PLACE: , Lancaster, Virginia

3. NAME: James WILDER (AFN:PGW3-3D)
---- BORN: 1770 PLACE: Alexandria, , Virginia
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1788 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

4. NAME: Francis WILDER (AFN:PGW3-4K)
---- BORN: 1771 PLACE: , , Virginia
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

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HUSBAND: Jonathan WILDER (AFN:PGW2-ZQ) BORN: [1759]
WIFE: BORN:

Sex CHILDREN (Continued)

5. NAME: Mary Jane WILDER (AFN:PGW3-5Q)
---- BORN: 1772 PLACE: , , Virginia
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

6. NAME: John WILDER (AFN:PGWB-26)
---- BORN: 1773 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Unknown
MAR.: PLACE:

7. NAME: Vincent WILDER (AFN:PGWB-PG)
---- BORN: 1774 PLACE: , , Virginia
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Unknown
MAR.: PLACE:

8. NAME: William WILDER (AFN:PGWD-7B)
---- BORN: 1775 PLACE: , , Virginia
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Unknown
MAR.: PLACE:

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HUSBAND: John WILDER (AFN:PGWB-26)

BORN: 1773 PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MAR.: PLACE:
FATHER: Jonathan WILDER (AFN:PGW2-ZQ)
MOTHER: Unknown
OTHER WIVES:

WIFE:

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
OTHER HUSBANDS:

Sex CHILDREN

1. NAME: Hiram WILDER (AFN:PGWB-4J)
---- BORN: [1799] PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

2. NAME: James WILDER (AFN:PGWB-6V)
---- BORN: [1801] PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Unknown
MAR.: PLACE:

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HUSBAND: James WILDER (AFN:PGWB-6V)

BORN: [1801] PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MAR.: PLACE:
FATHER: John WILDER (AFN:PGWB-26)
MOTHER: Unknown
OTHER WIVES:

WIFE:

BORN: PLACE:
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FATHER:
MOTHER:
OTHER HUSBANDS:

Sex CHILDREN

1. NAME: China WILDER (AFN:PGWB-BK)
---- BORN: 24 Nov 1804 PLACE: , Sumter, South Carolina
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Ann SELLERS SALLIERS (AFN:PGWB-CQ)
MAR.: 26 Mar 1828 PLACE: , Caldwell, Kentucky

2. NAME: Mary D. WILDER (AFN:PGWB-9D)
---- BORN: 1818 PLACE: , , South Carolina
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1876 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

3. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
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4. NAME:
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HUSBAND: China WILDER (AFN:PGWB-BK)

BORN: 24 Nov 1804 PLACE: , Sumter, South Carolina
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MAR.: 26 Mar 1828 PLACE: , Caldwell, Kentucky
FATHER: James WILDER (AFN:PGWB-6V)
MOTHER: Unknown
OTHER WIVES:

WIFE: Ann SELLERS SALLIERS (AFN:PGWB-CQ)

BORN: [1804] PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
OTHER HUSBANDS:

Sex CHILDREN

1. NAME: Martha J. WILDER (AFN:PGWB-DW)
---- BORN: 1829 PLACE: , , Tennessee
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1875 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

2. NAME: James W. WILDER (AFN:PGWB-F3)
---- BORN: [1831] PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

3. NAME: Sarah W. WILDER (AFN:PGWB-G8)
---- BORN: 1832 PLACE: , , Tennessee
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

4. NAME: William C. WILDER (AFN:PGWB-HF)
---- BORN: 1834 PLACE: , , Tennessee
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

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HUSBAND: China WILDER (AFN:PGWB-BK) BORN: 24 Nov 1804
WIFE: Ann SELLERS SALLIERS (AFN:PGWB-CQ) BORN: [1804]

Sex CHILDREN (Continued)

5. NAME: Mary E. WILDER (AFN:PGWB-JL)
---- BORN: 1837 PLACE: , , Tennessee
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

6. NAME: Milton S. WILDER (AFN:PGWB-KR)
---- BORN: 1839 PLACE: , , Tennessee
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

7. NAME: Robert B. WILDER (AFN:PGWB-LX)
---- BORN: 1840 PLACE: , , Tennessee
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

8. NAME: Francis A. WILDER (AFN:PGWB-M4)
---- BORN: 1844 PLACE: , , Tennessee
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

9. NAME: John Clement WILDER (AFN:PGWB-N9)
---- BORN: 17 Sep 1847 PLACE: , Carroll, Tennessee
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 9 Nov 1927 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MAR.: PLACE:

10. NAME:
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Name: Jonathan WILDER (AFN:PGW2-ZQ)

Born: [1759] Sex: M

FATHER: Michael WILDER
MOTHER: Susannah
SPOUSE:

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AFN=Ancestral File Number

1 John CULPEPER
- AFN: PGXK-RV
- BORN: [1654]
- MAR.:
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- SPOUSE
- Sarah MAYO
- AFN: PGXK-JN
- BORN: [1658]
- DIED:

2 Thomas COLEPEPER
- AFN: G5Q0-HN
- BORN: 1602
  - Of Astwood,F,, England
- MAR.: 10 Jul 1628
  - , Ulcombe, Kent, England
- DIED:
  - , , Virginia

3 Katherine ST.LEGER
- AFN: G5Q0-PP
- BORN: 1606
  - Of, Ulcombe,K, England
- DIED: 1658

4 John COLEPEPER
- AFN: G5PX-0T
- BORN: 1565
  - Of Wigsell,S,, England
- MAR.: 1600
  - O,,, England
- DIED: 20 Dec 1635
  - Hollingbourne,K, England

5 Ursula WOODCOCK
- AFN: G5Q0-GH
- BORN: 27 Jan 1566
  - St. Lawrence,J,, England
- DIED: 1612
  - Feckenham,W, England

6 Warham ST. LEGER
- AFN: G5Q5-BH
- BORN: 1579
  - Of, Ulcombe,K, England
- MAR.:
- DIED: 1632

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8 John COLEPEPER
- AFN: G5PW-LS
- BORN: 1530
  - Of Wigsell,S,, England
- MAR.: 1560
  - Of Wigsell,S,, England
- DIED: 20 Oct 1612
  - Salehurst,S, England

9 Elizabeth SEDLEY
- AFN: G5PW-WC
- BORN: 1535
  - Of, Southfleet,K, England
- DIED: 17 May 1618
  - Salehurst,S, England

10 Ralph WOODCOCK
- AFN: PGZC-Z6
- BORN: [1540]
- MAR.: 20 Jan 1556/1557
  - St.Lawrence,J, London
- DIED:

11 Judith BURY BOWER
- AFN: PGZD-0B
- BORN: [1544]
- DIED: 29 Jun 1573

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16 William COLEPEPER
- AFN: G5PW-JG
- BORN: Abt 1505

17 Cicely BARRETT
- AFN: G5PW-KM
- BORN: 1512

18 William SEDLEY E
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1 William COLEPEPER
- AFN: G5PW-JG
- BORN: Abt 1505
  - Of, Bedgbury,K, England
- MAR.: 4 Jan 1530
  - Of Wigsell,S,, England
- DIED: 1559
  - Salehurst,S, England
- SPOUSE
- Cicely BARRETT
  - AFN: G5PW-KM
  - BORN: 1512
    - Of Belhowse,A,, England
  - DIED:

2 Walter COLEPEPER
- AFN: G5PN-G5
- BORN: Abt 1450
  - Of Bedgebury,G,, England
- MAR.: Abt 1480
  - Of, Bedgbury,K, England
- DIED: Bef 28 Apr 1516

3 Ann AUCHER
- AFN: G5PW-CL
- BORN: Abt 1456
  - Of Lossenham,N,, England
- DIED:

4 John COLEPEPER [Sir Knight]
- AFN: G5PN-5L
- BORN: Abt 1424
  - Of, Goudhurst,K, England
- MAR.: Abt 1438
  - Of Bedgebury,G,, England
- DIED: 22 Dec 1480

5 Agnes GAINSFORD
- AFN: G5PN-BG
- BORN: Abt 1418
  - Of, Crowhurst,S, England
- DIED:

6 Henry AUCHER
- AFN: G5Q3-ZH
- BORN: [1430]
  - Of Losenham,N,, England
- MAR.: Abt 1470
- DIED:

7 Elizabeth GUILDFORD
- AFN: G5Q4-OM
- BORN: [1434]
  - Of Losenham,N,, England
- DIED:

8 Walter COLEPEPER
- AFN: G5PN-OQ
- BORN: Abt 1398
  - Of, Goudhurst,K, England
- MAR.: Abt 1411
  - Of Bayhall,P,, England
- DIED: 24 Nov 1462

9 Agnes ROPER
- AFN: G5PN-4F
- BORN: Abt 1390
  - Of St. Dunstan,,, England
- DIED: 2 Dec 1457

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16 Thomas COLEPEPER
- AFN: G5PM-TW
- BORN: Abt 1335

17 Joyce BAYNARD
- AFN: G5PM-ZL
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1 Thomas COLEPEPER
AFN: G5PM-TW
BORN: Abt 1335
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MAR.: Abt 1397
Of Bayhall,P,, England
DIED: Bef 8 Mar 1429

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Joyce BAYNARD
AFN: G5PM-ZL
BORN: Abt 1358
Of Bayhall,P,, England
DIED: 1428

2 John COLEPEPER [Sir Knight]
AFN: G5PM-P7
BORN: Abt 1308
Of, Brenchley,K, England
MAR.: Abt 1334
Of Bayhall,P,, England
DIED:
Lvg 1376

3 Elizabeth HARDRESHULL
AFN: G5PM-SQ
BORN: Abt 1312
Of, Hardreshull,, England
DIED:

4 Thomas COLEPEPER
AFN: G5PM-KJ
BORN: Abt 1278
Of, Brenchley,K, England
MAR.: Abt 1304
Of Bayhall,P,, England
DIED: 1321

5 Margery Or Margaret BAYHALL
AFN: G5PM-MV
BORN: Abt 1280
Of Bayhall,P,, England
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8 Thomas COLEPEPER
AFN: G5PM-FT
BORN: Abt 1244
Of, Brenchley,K, England
MAR.: Abt 1273
Of, Brenchley,K, England
DIED:
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9 Mrs. Thomas COLEPEPER
AFN: G5PM-G1
BORN: Abt 1241
Of, , Kent, England
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16 John COLEPEPER
AFN: G5PM-CH
BORN: Abt 1214

17 Mrs. John COLEPEPER
AFN: G5PM-DN
BORN: Abt 1208

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1 John COLEPEPER
- AFN: G5PM-CH
- BORN: Abt 1214
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- MAR.: Abt 1243
  - Of Bayhall,P,, England
- DIED:

SPOUSE
Mrs. John COLEPEPER
- AFN: G5PM-DN
- BORN: Abt 1208
  - Of, , Kent, England
- DIED:

2 Thomas COLEPEPER [Sir Knight]
- AFN: G5PM-95
- BORN: Abt 1165
  - Of, , Kent, England
- MAR.: Abt 1213
  - Of Bayhall,P,, England
- DIED:

3 Mrs. Thomas COLEPEPER
- AFN: G5PM-8B
- BORN: Abt 1168
  - Of, , Kent, England
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4 AFN: BORN: MAR.: DIED:

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1 Cicely BARRETT
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BORN: 1512
Of Belhowse,A,, England
MAR.: 4 Jan 1530
Of Wigsell,S,, England
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SPOUSE
William COLEPEPER
AFN: G5PW-JG
BORN: Abt 1505
Of, Bedgbury,K, England
DIED: 1559
Salehurst,S, England

2 John BARRETT
AFN: G5Q4-1S
BORN: [1481]
Of Belhouse,A,, England
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" William Foster (Little) 190 " 50
" Stephen Foster alias } 190 " 50
" his Guardian — }
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Foster alias Pollard amounting } 190 " 50
thereto —

When they each for himself shall give said Executor sufficient security to refund a ratiable part of any debts or other expense shall come against said estate.

In the Court of Ordinary 24th April 1804

Issued a citation to Sampson Boto who claims the administration of Sampson Boto Jun. his son. Returnable on Saturday ensuing. The citation returned by Sampson Boto who refuses to go forward in the administration.

In the Court of Ordinary 5 May 1804.
Spencer Boto & Thirsa Boto claimed the administration of Sampson Boto Jun. gave them a citation returnable on Friday after the Publication

In the court of ordinary 11th May 1804
Proved the last will & Testament of Isaac Lynch.

In Court of Ordinary 21st Decm 1805 (47)

Letters of Administration & Warrant of appraisement of the estate & effects of Sampson Bobo Senior Granted to Sally Bobo Widow. Qualified said administratrix & took her Bond according to Law.

Letters of Administration & Warrant of appraisement of the estate & effects of Sampson Bobo Junior Granted to Sarah Bobo Widow. Qualified said administratrix & took her bond according to Law.

Inventory & ~~appraisement~~ Sale of the Goods & effects of Thomas Underwood returned into Office & filed

Citation to administer upon the estate of Ezekiel Hanly with the Will annexed Granted to Rhody Hanly & is returned on the Instant

Proved the last Will & Testament of William Williams by the Evidence of Samuel Archibald. Issued a Commission to Qualify the Executor. Sam. Madison. 2. Warrants of appraisement & Letters Testamentary

J. of ORD, Spttg. Co, SC
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In the Court of Ordinary 15th Jan. 1806

p. 48 J. of ORD. Spartbg Co, SC 1800-1807

Henry Brown

James Selmon Executor of the nuncupative will of Ira Selmon returned an Inventory & appraisement of said Dec'd Goods & chattels Examined & filed

Order gave for the sale of said Dec'd Goods &c

Inventory & appraisement of the Goods & effects of Sampson Bobo Dec'd returned into office on the Oath of Sally Bobo Adm'x Examined & filed

Order Given for the sale of said Dec'd Goods &c

Inventory of the 2d Sale of the Goods & effects of William Smith Dec'd returned into office on the Oath of Sandford Smith Adm'or Examined & filed

Adm'r & Adm'x Executors on Oath made their annual return of Rec'ts & expenditures for the year 180[illegible] & filed

James Jordan's Adm'or on Oath made his annual return

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In the Court of Ordinary 3d February 1806 (1800-1807) p. 49 J. of Ord Spartanburg Co. SC

Letters Testamentary & Warrant of appraisement on the Estate of Isaac Cantrell ~~granted~~ delivered to Mary Cantrell & George Petty —

Peter Cantrell entered a caveat against the Probate of Isaac Cantrell's Will & requested it to be proven in due form of Law

Issued citation for the Executrix Mary Cantrell & George Petty Ex. to appear on 17th Instant to support said Will &c

Administrator of William Smith returned his annual account of receipts & expenditures Examined & filed —

In the Court of Ordinary 4th Feby 1806

Letters of administration & Warrant of appraisement &c collection &c Granted to Edith Ligon of the Estate & effects of Robert Ligon Decd.

Executor of the Nuncupative Will of Jeremiah Salmon Decd returned an Inventory of sale Examined & filed

In the Court of Ordinary 7th February 1806

Administratrix of Sampson Boss Decd returned on Oath an Inventory & appraisement of the Decd Goods & effects &c & filed —

Adm Petitioned for sale Petition issued & Grant will be whether of the Goods & chattels on the 6th of March next —

In the Court of Ordinary Feby 8th 1806

Citation only returned to Sam. Moore Jeremiah Rachael Brooks returned into Court by the Security for said Adm & Blaiden & Benj. Peak the Adm did not appear whereupon

In the Court of

Ordinary 31st May 1806 (53)

Esther Alexander returned on Oath an Inventory & appraisement of the Goods & effects of Alexr. Alexander Decd.

Sally Mimms returned on Oath an Inventory of a partial sale of the Goods & effects of Michael Mimms Decd.

Sally Bobo Senr. returned on Oath an Inventory of the sale of the personal estate of Lampson Bobo Senr. Decd.

Sarah Bobo Senr. returned on Oath an Inventory of the sale of the Goods & effects of Lampson Bobo Junr. Decd.

In the Court of Ordinary, July 7th 1806

Proved the last Will & Testament of William Foster by the subscribing Evidence. Qualified Sarah Foster Admx. Granted in Warrant appr. & letters Testamentary

Absolom Adcock returned into office an Inventory of sale of the estate of Wm. Adcock Decd —

Enoch Dugon returned into office an Inventory of sale of the Goods & effects of Robt. Dugon Decd

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Thomas Thornton Executor of the estate of Thomas Jones dec.d made return of receipts & expenditure of said estate for the year 1815 on oath a balance in favor of s.d Executor - - -

Upon the application of Frederick Price to administer on the estate of Robert Price dec.d returnable the first Monday in this instant

Proved the last will & testament of Fellix Robe dec.d without Citation the executor desiring to be discharged for want of one in the usual form by the evidence of Aaron Casey Esquire at the same time qualified Chaney Robo Executor therein named Hiram Robo being out of the limits of this State gave him letters & warrant of Sequestrement.

Granted a Citation to Moses Casey Esquire against John Mullinix to appear before me the tuesday after the first Monday in April next.

J. of ORD. Sotby. Dist., SC 1810-1816

At the Court, Sumter, 5th March 1816

Ordinary's Records for

Upon the petition of Chaney Bobo Executor of Darley Bobo decd. in conformity to his will — It is ordered that said Executor proceed to sell the whole of said estate of the testator in said Will on Thursday the Eighteenth instant & continue until all is sold at twelve months Credit on bond & approved security as the law directs.

Allen Lancaster Executor of the last will & testament of Abyalom Lancaster decd. made a return of an appraisement thereof to the amount of — — — —

Edward Ballenger Executor of the estate of Leo Davis decd. made his first return of said estate in favor of s.d Executor on oath.

Granted a Citation to the Executors of Davis Brewton decd. to prove his will, returnable the twelfth Instant.

Abner Benson Esquire Administrator to the estate of Moses Foster decd. made his

By Scythe & Cradle given to Do - - 2 " - - -

By pay Ordinary fees - - - 13 " - - -

By commission on the whole of the estate except what is left to the widow, Consented to by the parties - 191 - - - -

639626

Which is the decision of the Ordinary, & the parties being all present gave their consent thereto.

Divided into 4 part 929369

The portion of each $232342

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Chaney Bobo executor of the estate of Salley Bobo dec'd returned an Inventory of said estate to the amount of - - - - - 3016 25

3016.25

Also delivered a Sale bill of said estate by the hands of Moses Casey

Jenne H Smith administratrix of the estate of Topher Smith dec'd made a return of a sale bill of said estate on oath to the amount of - - - 6,[illegible] 60 3/4

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Earle Thos
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Favor of said estate to the amount of - - - - - - - 50 "

18th Feby 1817

William Young Executor of the estate of Richard Chaney decd returnd on oath two Sale bills of the said estate the first to the amount of - - - - - - - 8624 6 "

The second to the amount - - - - - - - - - 15824 3/4

making in the whole - - - - - - - 24445 7 3/4

Chaney Bobo Executor of the estate of Salley Bobo decd returnd a Schedule of Notes & Accounts due said estate of 16927 "

March 8th

Isaac Pool returnd the Citation Obtaind to administer on the estate of William Pool decd which was returnable the Seventh Instant, but no Objection having been made, committed the administration of the goods & Chattels of said deceased to the said Isaac Pool, took his bond, qualified him, gave him letters & warrant of Appraisment.

March 12 1817

Dr Andrew B. Moore returnd the Citation Obtaind to administer on the estate of John P. Moore

March 17th 1817

March 22nd 1817

13th March

of the legatees of dec^d, said Jamy presented an inventory & Schedule of acc^ts to the amount of Viz. The Inventory - - - - - - -
Schedule of debts due the estate - - - -
which inventory was rec^d by Store, Lusent & consented that the same with the schedule of dec^d & note due the estate should pass

Agreeable to the petition of said Administrator Stating the liability of debts and for the purpose of a legal distribution &c. It is therefore ordered that he, be sued to sell the whole of the goods & Chattels of said dec^d on the 21st Instant & continue until all is sold at eleven Months Credit for all sums above One dollar on notes having & taking Security as the law directs.

18th March 1818

Chaney Bobo Executor of the estate of Sally Bobo dec^d came before the Ordinary for the purpose of ascertaining each legatees & distributive share of said estate, & there being legatees of the estate of Samson Bobo Junior dec^d who hath a part of the estate

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590	26	8
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of Samson Bobo senior dec^d of which Sally Bobo dec^d was Administratrix, therefore to find satisfaction due the legatees of Samson Bobo Junior dec^d, have to settle the estate of Samson Bobo senior dec^d; And finally the proceedings of the administratrix of said estate thus

		$	c	m
Sale bill		5595	68	"
Debts due the estate in Inventory		514	19	"
	Make	6109	87	
Desperate debts in Inventory	$18 " 87			
Debts owing by dec^d in Do.	240 " —	258	87	
	Leaves	5851	"	"
		1950	33	3
Deduct the Widows Third				
	Leaves	3900	66	7
Deduct commission on the sum of $ allowed		97	"	"
	Leaves	3803	66	7

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Leaves - 3385 73

There being fourteen legatees the 14th part of which is 271 69 -

Having found each legatees part of the estate of Samson Bobo Junr. dec.d I then proceeded to settle the estate of Sally Bobo dec.d & on expurging the proceedings of her Executor Chaney Bobo I find to stand as follows - -

Sale bill of that estate - - - - - - -	3511 37 "
Debts due the estate by notes & acc.ts - - - -	169 27 "
which makes - - -	3680 64

Expended, first year return the day made on oath - - $1,24" 3

Commission on $3417.749 at 5 ℔ C.t - - - - - - 170"88

Total of Expen.	294 91 "
Leaves - -	3385 73 "
Deduct each legatees share of the estate of Samson Bobo Junr. dec.d it being - - -	271 69
reserved in her hands	

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	$	6	m
Leaves - - -	3114	4	"
Deduct agreeable to the will of said dec.d			
Willed to Rachel Bobo - - $100			
To Samson Bobs Senr. dec.d			
Four Children each 100$ - - - 400	500		
Leaves	2614	4	"
There being fourteen legatees the 14th part of which is - - - - - - - - -	186	7	"

Payable with Interest from the 17th of February 1817. Exclusive advancement by Samson Bobo Senr. dec.d in his lifetime. This Settlement is Subject to alteration by in Justice by any legatee.

The end of BOBO in this J. of Ord.

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Chaney Bobo Executor of the estate of Sally Bobo dec.d now came forward with advancements to the legatees of Lampson Bobo jun.r dec.d as referred to in a former settlement with said Executor, the sum to be distributed to each legatee being - - - - - - - 2614 4

He produced advancements as follows

To Wm. Wilson	51	-
To George Robuck	81	-
To Spencer Bobo	130	-
To Lampson Bobo Senr.	152	-
To Absalom Bobo Senr.	70	75
To Chaney Bobo	158	-
To Matthew Bobo	41	26
To Barnard Bobo	158	"
To Absalom Bobo Junr.	75	"
To Anthony Foster	162	25
To Hiram Bobo	138	50

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31st

To Barnard Bobs	108 "
To Absalom Bobs Junr	75 "
To Anthony Foster	162 25
To Simon Bobs	138 50
To Jeremiah Bobs	71 -
To Willis Bobs	55 "
To Samuel Bobs	131
There being fourteen legacies thereto making in the whole	4130 50
the fourteenth part is one legacy which is	295.07.8
due to the legatee of item on Bobs Junr	
but after deducting what was advanced	
him by Samson Bobs Junr in his lifetime	152
Leaves	143 6.8

due them with Interest as before stated.

And the 14th part of the advancement to said Samson Bobs Junr being $10.85.7.8 to be added to the other legacies portion. This Settlement is liable to any alteration in its Justice by any legatee.

13th Sept 1819

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William Rampley Administrator of the estate of Daniel Grant dec'd returns an appraisement of said estate to the amount of - - - - - - - - 311 50

At the request of said Administrator for a Sale for the purpose of meeting demands against the same & preventing loss &c. - It is Ordered that he proceed to sell the whole of said goods & Chattels of s'd dec'd on thursday the thirtieth Instant & continue untill all is sold at Cash or Six months Credit for all sums above two dollars on notifying & taking security as the law directs.

Sam'l E. Bobo Legatee of the estate of Samson Bobo Sen'r dec'd } Complainant

against

Thomas Cragg adm'r of the estate of Clarence Bobo dec'd } Respondent

The parties met & demanded a decree of the Ordinary, The complainant urged that the respondent ought not to have

commission for fifteen hundred and
seven dollars twenty five cents bearing
interest from the thirty first day of Decem
-ber 1812 untill the 29th of June last,
which sum was deposited in the hands
of the deed as part of the estate of Samson
Bobs Junr dec.d — Barram Bobo being
introduced as a witness in behalf of
the complainant, on his oath saith,
that he heard Spencer Bobs dec.d say in
his life time, that he took the charge of the
aforesaid sum of money, & did not intend
to have any commission therein O. S.

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introduced as a witness in behalf of the complainant, on his oath saith, that he heard Spencer Bobs decd say in his life time, that he took the charge of the aforesaid sum of money, & did not intend to have any commission thereon, also heard S. decd say that the expence for boarding & schooling of the complainant, that the complainant should not be accountable for it, as he intended it as a compliment to the complainant who was then a minor. It is therefore the decree of the Ordinary that the respondent receive no discount of the S. complainant for commission, neither discount for boarding & schooling while under age.

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14th of Sept 1819

Matthew Mayes Admr returned the Citation with the will of Thomas Mayes to prove the will of the testator

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Stopped here —

11 Jan. 1995

Hi, Melanie!

SORRY, SO VERY SORRY FOR THE LONG DELAY in answering your letter!! My reply to you is still in my laptop... + is nearly finished + ready to mail, but since I have to pass a post office on my

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I'm on my way to an appointment in a few minutes, & shall mail this to you now — and the letter will follow...

Meanwhile, enjoy the enclosed pages! I'll be back with you shortly!!

Linda

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Mrs. Linda S. Crissinger
3032 Elmhurst Drive
Inman, SC 29349-9315
ph. 803-578-2101

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Spartanburg Co., SC, RMC Office

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3. WILDER, William	- Landon MILES -	R	149	1816	1820	29 a. (no location listed in index.)
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4. WILEDER [SIC], William, et al.	- Abner MARSH -	S	116	1816	1822	158 a. (on Praters Creek)
& Charles WILLIAMSON; release of dower by Elizabeth Williamson 7 Dec. 1816						
5. WILEDER [SIC], Susannah, et al.	- Abner MARSH -	S	116	1816	1822	158 a. (on PRATERS Creek)
6. WILDER, William	- Thomas KELLY -	S	297 (S297)	1823	1824	288 a. (no location given)

II. Cross Index to Deeds, Spartanburg Co, SC

GRANTEE	GRANTOR	BOOK	PAGE	Year of Instrument	Year of Record	# of acres
(1.) WILDER, Wm.	Zadoc HOOKER	T	156	1825	1826	155 a (on Buncombe Road

(the only one!)

Bk T, p. 156 - Zadock HOOKER (of Union Dist.) to William WILDER (no place given), (recorded 12 Jan. 1826)
155 a. in Spartanburgh Dist. on the dividing ridge between Enoree + Tyger Rivers + on branches of sd. rivers, also on the main Buncom (BUNCOMBE) Road... Signed Z. Hooker (Seal). Dated 1 March 1825.
Wits: Nathan CHANDLER, Wells THOMSON.
Proved by Nathan CHANDLER, 12 Jan. 1826

Plat with deed shows: land borders Thos DARBY (S.E.); Jesse LAMB + Livingston BOBO (S.W.); Benjamin HOOKER (N.W.); Kelley's land (N.E.); Thos. DARBY (N.E.)

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Spartanburg Co, SC
Deed Bk R — p. 151-152

Thomas MILES of Spartanburgh Dist., SC. "in consideration of good will and affiction [sic], and for the purpose of having my son Landon MILES a neighbor to live by me do give unto him"... land orig. gr. to Joseph PACK & by him conveyed to Philemon WATERS & by the sd. WATERS conveyed to Thomas MILES.

Dated 27 July 1809. s/ Thomas Miles (Seal)

WITS: Isaac MILES
Mary MILES

Prov. 27 July 1809 by Isaac Miles.

415 North Main Street, 6-E
Darlington, SC 29532-2245
3/7/97

Melanie Nolan
19907 Pinehurst Trail Drive
Humble, TX 77346

Dear Melanie,

It has been so long since I've written that I know you must think I vanished. Far from it. I experienced some serious problems with my equipment last year, which put me into a "techno funk." Finally, the WP went up in smoke a few months ago and I finally replaced it. Unfortunately, although I was very selective to buy a system that would read my existing floppys, it won't, so I'm still having problems. I've written the manufacturer, but haven't yet heard from them.

I don't know where you are presently concerning our Bobo subject. I *sorta* got away from it with other pursuits for a time, but recently discovered another Bobo problem from a Mr. E.V. Knight in Eatonton, GA. I was helping him with another family when he unloaded the bombshell that one of his ancestors was a Rachel Bobo who married a James Gorley in Columbia County, GA in 1803. I reviewed what records I hold and could find no Rachel Bobo who seemed to fit into that time, so was rather skeptical that she was a Bobo. Just this week, he sent me the proof, a certified marriage bond in the Columbia County Court for a license issued to "Rachel Bowbo" and James Gorley on 22 June 1803. Even though spelled as such, I have to accept she was a Bobo. Do any of your records reflect this Rachel? Further, that James Gorley administered the estate of a Joseph Ray in 1807 in GA, and it appears that he was a brother of Rev. Ambrose Ray of Union County, SC. If you're interested, I'd be glad to send you all of the information on this Bobo subject. I did find records in my files from former research that placed James Gorley as having been born in Caswell County, NC, actually a stroke of luck that I had the information, which was part of my Thomas family diggings. There's no doubt it was the same James Gorley from the later given names used in GA, although the name was spelled as Gourley in NC.

My primary motive for writing is to inquire if you're aware that Bryan Scott Johnston published another Bobo article, this time in the SC Huguenot Society publication? Mr. Knight sent me three pages from it. I was astounded for three reasons. First, I had no idea he had written it; secondly, he credited you and me for placing the various Absaloms and Spencers correctly, citing my letter to him in 1995; and, thirdly, because he never replied to my letter! (It was my first indication that he had even received my letter.) I highly doubt he contacted you because what little Mr. Knight sent included "William Wilder Bobo,." and I know you would have straightened him out on that. I have made arrangements to obtain the entire article and will send you a copy if you don't already have it.

The University of SC basketball team has gained national honors this year. On a Columbia TV news program last week, they featured the most dedicated fan, a USC student named Bryan Johnston. On his head was a basketball cut in half and lettered all over with Magic Marker writings, and he wore a shirt also lettered the same way. In the interview with him, he came across as a typical wild and crazy college kid. I sure hope this isn't the same Bryan Johnston writing the Bobo articles. If so, I can no longer take him seriously, not after his TV interview antics!

Sincerely,

Bob Stevens

CHOCTAW COUNTY

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Gideon Woodruff

To & Trust Deed

George Huie

The State of Mississippi
Choctaw County

This Indenture made and entered into on the Ninth day of August A.D. 1842 between Gidion Woodruff of the County and State aforesaid of the first part and George Huie of the same County & State of the Second part and Sampson Bo Bo H Woodruff & Richard S Woodruff of Spartanburg District South Carolina and Sam Craig of Lawrence District S C parties of the third part, Witnesseth that whereas the party of the first part is justly Indebted to the parties of the third part in divers sums of moneys, to wit, to Sampson Bobo about the sum of One Hundred & Seventy five Dollars Thomas Woodruff about the sum of One hundred dollars & Richards S Woodruff about the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars and to Sam Craig about the sum of Seven hundred, now therefore the said Gideon Woodruff the party of the first part in order to secure the parties of the third part and for and in consideration of the sum of five Dollars to the said Gideon Woodruff the party of the first by the said George Huie the party of the third part paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged Hath Granted bargained sold and conveyed and by these presents Hath grant bargain sell and convey to the said George Huie the party of the third part, Three Cows and calves four work Steers One Rifle five feather Beds and furniture & Bed steads One [illegible]

Gideon Woodruff

To & Trust Deed

George Huie

The State of Mississippi
Choctaw County

This Indenture made and entered into on the Ninth day of August A.D. 1842 between Gideon Woodruff of the County and State aforesaid of the first part and George Huie of the same County & State of the second part and Sampson Bo Bo H Woodruff & Richard S Woodruff of Spartanburg District South Carolina and John Craig of Laurence District S C parties of the third part, Witnesseth that whereas the party of the first part is justly indebted to the parties of the third part in divers sums of money, to wit, to Sampson Bobo about the sum of One hundred & Seventy five Dollars Thomas Woodruff about the sum of One hundred dollars & Richards S Woodruff about the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars and to John Craig the sum of Seven hundred, now therefore the said Gideon Woodruff the party of the first part in order to secure the parties of the third part and for and in consideration of the sum of five Dollars to the said Gideon Woodruff the party of the first by the said George Huie the party of the third part paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained sold and conveyed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell and convey to the said George Huie the party of the third part, Three Cows and calves four work Steers One heifer five feather Beds and furniture & Bed steads One

Gideon Woodruff

To Trust Deed

George Hule

The State of Mississippi
Choctaw County

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the said Gideon Woodruff the party of the first by the said George
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acknowledged hath granted bargained sold and conveyed and by these
presents doth grant bargain sell and convey to the said George
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Steers One heifer five Feather Beds and furniture & Bed steads One
folding leaf table Three pair of Fire Dogs Three Trunks Three Rifle
Guns one Shot Gun One Sorrell Horse, one Note made by Abram
Guiet & Harrison Shirley for One hundred Dollars, and one Note made
by Abram Guiet & Josiah Bennett for One hundred Dollars which
notes are each payable to the said party of the first part and
due January AD 1844 all my present Growing crop except so much
as may be necessary to support my family during the year AD 1843
One Loom and all my house hold and Kitchen Furniture to the said —
George Hule his heirs Executors and administrators for-Ever free from the
claim of all persons whatsoever, In special trust and confidence Never-
theless that the said Gideon Woodruff the party of the first part —
shall reclaim and keep the possession of the aforesaid specified property
unto the said George Hule the party of the second part and the
trustee between the party of the first part and the parties of the
third part shall be required by the parties of the third part to proceed
to sell the said specified property conveyed as aforesaid and in
that case the said George Hule the party and trustee as aforesaid
shall proceed to sell the said specified property as aforesaid giving
Due and legal Notice of the time and place of the sale to the highest
bidder for cash and convey the same by proper and sufficient
assurances to the purchasers and out of the proceeds or moneys
arising from said sale to retain all the necessary Expences of this
Trust and the execution of the same shall proceed to pay off the
said several sums of indepteddness or so much thereof as may
be due at the time of the said sale, It is further agreed by

between the parties that should the said party of the first part pay the
off to the said parties of the third part the amount respectively
to each that then this Indenture to be void otherwise to remain in
full force and virtue in Law.

In testimony Whereof we have hereunto set our hands
and affixed our seals this 9th day of August 1842
and Sam Craig of Lawrence district S.C. parties paid & Entitled
before executed

Gideon Woodruff (Seal)
George Hill (Seal)

Notley Gilmore (Seal)
Justice of the Peace
Choctaw County Miss

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The State of Mississippi } Personally appeared before me Andrew
Choctaw County } E. Harris Clerk of the Probate Court of
Choctaw County aforesaid Notley Gilmore a subscribing witness
to the foregoing deed in trust from Gideon Woodruff to George
Hill Trustee &c. who after being first duly sworn deposeth &
saith that he saw Gideon Woodruff and George Hill sign seal
and deliver the foregoing deed in trust to Sampson Bobo &c.
as their act and deed for the purposes therein expressed &
this deponent further saith that he signed his name as an
attesting witness in the presence of the said Gideon Woodruff
and George Hill and that the all signed their names to the
foregoing deed in Trust in the presence of each other on the day
of the date thereof

and deliver the foregoing deed in trust
as their act and deed for the purposes therein expressed &
this deponent further saith that he signed his name as an
attesting witness in the presence of the said Gideon Woodruff
and George Hill and that the all signed their names to the
foregoing deed in Trust in the presence of each other on the day
of the date thereof

Given under my hand and seal of Office at
Greensboro the 17th day of August 1842
Andrew P Harris Clk
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I Andrew P Harris Clerk of the Probate Court of Choctaw County
in the State of Mississippi do hereby certify that the foregoing
deed in trust was filed in my Office for Record the Tenth
day of August A D 1842 and by virtue of the annexed affidavit
of acknowledgment I have truly recorded the same together
with this certificate

Given Under my hand and seal of Office
at Greensboro 19th day of August AD 1842
Andrew P Harris clk
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HUSBAND: James GORLEY [JR]

BORN: <1779> PLACE: <, Columbia, Georgia, U.S.> LDS ORDINANCE DATA
CHR.: PLACE: B:
DIED: PLACE: E:
BUR.: PLACE: SP:
MAR.: PLACE: SS:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
OTHER WIVES:

WIFE: Rachel BOSE

BORN: <1783> PLACE: <, Columbia, Georgia, U.S.>
CHR.: PLACE: B:
DIED: PLACE: E:
BUR.: PLACE: SP:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
OTHER HUSBANDS:

Sex CHILDREN

1. NAME: Mary GORLEY
---- BORN: 21 May 1805 PLACE: <, Columbia, Georgia, U.S.> B:
F CHR.: PLACE: E:
DIED: PLACE: SP:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Zachariah EDMONDSON
MAR.: 1823 PLACE: , Columbia, Georgia, U.S. SS:

2. NAME: Elizabeth Betsey GORLEY
---- BORN: 4 May 1807 PLACE: <, Columbia, Georgia, U.S.> B:
F CHR.: PLACE: E:
DIED: PLACE: SP:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: John Lyddell DIXON
MAR.: PLACE: SS:

3. NAME: William Ayres GORLEY
---- BORN: 14 Mar 1809 PLACE: <, Columbia, Georgia, U.S.> B:
M CHR.: PLACE: E:
DIED: PLACE: SP:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Melinda P. J. WALKER
MAR.: PLACE: SS:

4. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE: B:
CHR.: PLACE E:
DIED: PLACE: SP:
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Melanie A. Nolan
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Dear Melanie,

It was, of course, quite a surprise for me to learn you'd lost your husband. How tragic. I'm always at a loss for words in such tragic situations, but my thoughts are with you. Life is just not fair to any of us, but the strong survive and cope. I have an expression of reverence and admiration for the few ladies of Texas that I know, it being "Tough Texas Lady," meaning nothing of disrespect, but just the opposite. Helen Ring Womack once told me it was due to their South Carolina genes. So, I know you'll cope with your loss and get on with life as best as you can under the circumstances. The very knowledge that you've sold your home and moved to more suitable quarters tells me that your loss hasn't influenced your power of logical reasoning. I had an aunt who lost her husband in 1956 and refused to leave her thirty two room home because of her addiction to his memory, and there she stayed until her death a few years ago, bearing the expense of maintaining that huge home. We couldn't budge her from that home, although she owned some very nice high rise apartment buildings nearby.

I did manage to get Bryan Johnson's complete second article and will send it to you in a few days. I'll also include what I know about Rachel (Bobo) Gorley of GA. A few months ago, I wrote the New York Historical Society with a request for the memorial address done for J.S. Bobo in 1819 who drowned in the Congaree River while a student in Columbia, SC. Even though I included a SASE, I received no reply. As luck has it, their address is only a few blocks from my son's restaurant in New York City, so I'll get Robert to pay them a visit and get the document.

More later.

Sincerely,

Bob

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Mrs. Sue B. Harris
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Dear Mrs. Harris,

Yours was received and appreciated. Before I attempt to answer your many questions, I first need to explain something. Anything I tell you in this letter, **unless otherwise stated or implied**, is documented by me or an associate. Due to the difficulty of having to pull filed documents, I won't include the references now, but please be assured I can absolutely prove anything I state. I long ago ceased using secondary references for that area as fact, a lesson most current writers need to learn, but won't. Even now, many of the current writings are worthless, based on secondary material.

Now, one more thing. I jumped onto the Bobo subject many years ago, and finding **accurate** information was akin to pulling teeth with tweezers. Consequently, it has taken over ten years of pursuit and effort to arrive where I am today with it. About a year ago, after searching for years, I found a lady with the same passion as mine for the Bobo truth, and we cast our material and efforts together. She came as a bright ray of sunshine after dealing with dozens of others who thought they were knowledgeable, but weren't. Ironically, she is a Texan. Another of my associates on a different group of families is also a Texan, another brilliant researcher. What is it with you Texas ladies? The last mentioned lady says it's due to the SC genes her ancestors brought to Texas with them, only a joke on her part, of course. But, seriously, I find the most dedicated and smartest researchers of SC Backcountry genealogy are Texas ladies! Maybe it has to do with the oil fumes and big Texas money? Who knows, but it delights me!

It is apparent to me that we can be of great help to each other, but there is one obstacle at this time. The lady who is my Bobo associate and I made a pact that we would not release any Bobo data until we could present it in serialized article form, which will be done in the near future, sometime probably within the next year or two. I and another associate, Linda Crissinger of Spartanburg County, SC, have been doing quarterly articles entitled "The Founding of a South Carolina Backcountry Society, Union County, Historical and Genealogical," for the Chester District Genealogcal Society <u>Bulletin</u>, usually eight to ten pages each. Linda has been in this business with me for years. She does the research legwork for us, sends me mountains of photocopied documents weekly which I analyze, and we go from there. I can answer some of your questions without violating my pact. The others, I will have to write the lady in Texas

and get her permission, or let her correspond with you directly, which I'm sure would delight her. The answers to many of the questions you asked came from her research, not mine, so I can't honorably pass it along without her permission.

She may contact you directly, as she has done all of the TN Bobo/Patton research, and, I think, is going to write the Bobo article for the series. As far as I'm concerned, I'm willing for her to release anything to you, as I know we can all profit by pooling our information. How far is Humble, TX, from you? One more thing, then I'll hush on this subject and address your questions; I ask that you never release this letter, any part of it, or any of the information to anyone. Deal?

O.K., let me start with Capt. Matthew Patton. He married Nancy (Bobo) Holland Simpson Colbert as his third wife. She was a daughter of Sampson and Sarah (Simpson) Bobo of Cross Anchor, Spartanburg County, who came from Culpepper, VA, about 1772. I'm not going to say too much more here on the Bobos for previously stated reasons, as I have to remain honorable to my pact. I highly doubt that she and Matthew had any children, but it's possible, as she was still of normal childbearing age when they married (b. 1770). Capt. Patton stated in his Revolutionary pension application that they were married in 1801. As so often done by persons of my gender, he had forgotten the correct year! It couldn't have been in 1801 because on 12/9/1802, Nancy Simpson signed a deed of gift to her Holland daughter, signing away all her right to the estate of her deceased Holland husband. On the same date, she signed another deed of gift to her only Simpson child, a minor son, giving him certain properties. Not only did she use the Simpson name, but under the then law of SC, no married woman could sign a deed in the first party. Those deeds certainly suggest Nancy was preparing for remarriage. Consequently, I suspect she married Capt. Patton close to Christmas of 1802, and his memory failed him years later. There is documented proof they were married by 1809. I don't know when they went to TN, but after 1832 when Capt. Patton applied for his pension, he then living in SC. Again, most of this data was found by my associate in Texas, so I can't elaborate just now.

Nancy Patton was on the 1850 census of Carroll County, TN, aged 80, living in the home of Tilmon (Tillman) Gregory (aged 53, b. SC) and his wife Sarah W. Gregory (aged 37, b. TN). Two doors away was Sarah Patton, widow of William L. Patton, son of Capt. Matthew Patton. Once again, this data was found by my associate, and I'm on trembling ground to even release it as it's not my work, but hers. However, I don't think she'd mind that basic information. I can tell you exactly who Tillman Gregory was, and his family in Union County if you're interested, although we are unsure of who his wife was. Personally, I think she was somehow involved in the general Bobo family.

Capt. Patton's death date was arrived at by two different

sources, both the same; one from his pension records, the other from a secondary source: History of Carroll County, Tennessee, Vol. 1, 1987, p. 277, "At Christmasville in the Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery, there is buried a Revolutionary War Soldier, Matthew Patton. He was born in Lansford, SC. He d. in Carroll County 2-16-1837. One of his sons was William L. Patton, b. in SC. He married Sarah Ann Isabella Means, b. 1805 in SC." Note carefully the wording "one of his sons." Did the author or supplier know of another? Or was the writing only in abstraction? Very interesting! Again, not found by me, but...you know who. No mention was made of a tombstone. May I offer some advice without offending you? Why don't you write the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, 901 Commerce Street, Suite 400, Nashville, TN, and ask them to send you a list of their Tennessee churches on file. If the records for Pilgrim's Rest B.C. survived, they would have them on microfilm, which they sell (rather inexpensive). I have their list for SC. Secondly, since Matthew Patton probably died in Carroll County, why not attempt to find his estate? If a tombstone was erected, there might be an expense for it in those papers. Thirdly, the book, History of Carroll County, Tennessee, might tell you if Pilgrim's Rest B.C. is still active and, if so, write and inquire about the Patton stones.

There's more information involving other connected members of the families there, but I just can't release it without the consent of my associate, the reason I'd prefer that she deal with you on that subject since it is her research. I do hope you understand my position. I have earned the reputation of being honest, honorable, and trustworthy, and certainly can't violate the trust of another. After the lady contacts you, if she's willing, I can add much more on the SC subject. I know quite a bit on the Means families, but surely need to learn more. Sarah Means, who married William L. Patton, was the daughter of James Means (brother to Gen. Hugh Means) and Sarah Kelso. Below are extracts from a recent letter to Billy White. Some of it deals with Capt. Patton's "difficulties" with Peggy Young. After Billy informed me of it, Linda C. and I obtained the Fairforest P.C. minutes and reviewed the actual record.

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"You're right about the Youngs in Laurens and Union County. They were like ants. There's a Margaret Young buried in Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church of Laurens County (Musgrove Mill area), but she was born in 1780 (d. 1853) and a little too young to have been our infamous Peggy Young. That is, if our infamous Peggy was the one that had two sons by 1792 old enough to be bound out. If infamous Peggy wasn't a widow, then she may have been that woman buried in Duncan's Creek P.C., fifteen years old in 1795. Buried beside her is William Young, born 2/19/1795 (d. 1868), but I'm dealing with dates presented by Ossie Whaley, often incorrect. According to the minutes you sent, I figure her baby was born 12/2/1795.

"By the way, I find it very interesting that Benjamin Wofford, the man to whom Peggy Young fled in 1795, was never married! I received some material recently that stated the Woffords and Bobos were somehow related before they came to S.C. I do know for a fact there was much interaction between the families in this state, especially through their mutual family of Rhodes. However, when Benjamin Wofford died, his will named a number of Powell siblings of Laurens County, whom he called his cousins. They were all the children of William Powell and Nancy Bobo. Nancy Bobo was the only child of Absalom and Amy (Sims) Bobo. Absalom was born ca. 1735 in Culpepper Co., Va., a brother to the other three Bobo brothers (Lewis, Sampson, and Spencer) that came to S.C. about 1770, although Absalom didn't come until about 1785.

"At any rate, I've already moved to learn more of this Patton and Young saga. I've documented absolutely that Capt. Matthew Patton did not marry Nancy Bobo in 1801 as he stated. The earliest date he could have married her was in late December of 1802, which might account for him asking for church forgiveness in 1803. Nancy was not a Presbyterian, but a Baptist, which certainly accounts for Capt. Patton being buried in a Baptist cemetery. Nancy's brother, Rev. Spencer Bobo, was a fanatical Baptist and founded New Hope B.C. at Cross Anchor in 1802. My old ancestor, Mordecai Chandler, was also a fanatical Baptist, but never a minister, only a layman. He and Rev. Spencer Bobo were such close friends that he actually bought land from Spencer so they could live as neighbors at Cross Anchor. After Spencer died in 1816, Mordecai returned to inherited land in Union County, where he joined Tinker Creek B.C. In 1830, he led a break away and founded Hebron B.C. there, after which Tinker Creek B.C. died. However, when he died in 1846, his body was buried at New Hope within feet of his old friend, Spencer Bobo. I've never understood all of that. Mordecai even named a son as Sampson Bobo Chandler, which also confuses me.

"Most researchers agree, as do I, that the Young family that first came to Laurens County was headed by Thomas Young of PA. The name of his first wife is unknown, by whom he had two children, the first born in 1744. He married, secondly, about 1754, Catherine Brandon, a sister to Col. Thomas Brandon, they the children of George Brandon. It appears that they were first members of Duncan's Creek P.C., but Thomas and Catherine moved over to the Fairforest area of Union County around 1772. At least one son is buried at Duncan's Creek P.C., others in Union County and TN. All the Youngs so famous in the Revolution with their uncle, Col. Brandon, were the sons of this Thomas Young. I would highly suspect that these Youngs were of some very close kin to those of the Waxhaws, due to the White family involvement.

"I was mistaken in a former letter. Col. Thomas Brandon did not marry Catherine Young (it was his sister, Catherine, that

married Thomas Young). Col. Brandon first married Elizabeth McCool, the mother of all his children, a daughter of Adam and Mary (Love) McCool, Sr. (her sister, Jennet Love, married William Gaston, son of Justice John). After Elizabeth died, Col. Brandon married Rebecca Harlan, widow of George Harlan of Union County. Rebecca's daughter, Sarah, had already married Christopher Brandon, nephew of Col. Brandon and son of John Brandon. Col. Brandon had three brothers and three sisters, so the family was confusing.

"In the John Logan material it is stated that Col. Brandon's daughter, Elizabeth McCool Brandon, married Capt. Bordroyne (Boardwine) Waters, and was the mother of Sarah Waters who married Beeks Musgrove. That is impossible. When Capt. Waters was slain by Tories in 1782, his wife was named Elizabeth, but I'm sure a second wife. Sarah Waters married Beeks Musgrove about 1782, their first child, Elizabeth (who married Mordecai Chandler), born 1784. There's no way Thomas Brandon, born 1741, could have a granddaughter bearing children by 1784. I've spent years trying to untangle this Elizabeth McCool Brandon Waters puzzle. Also, in 1786, Elizabeth Waters bought some Cross Anchor land and the deed stated the names of her four Waters children heirs. That's an unusual clause in a deed, but I think done to make sure none of her older stepchildren could inherit, thus highly suggesting she was a second wife. Strange to say, history somehow overlooked Capt. Boardwine Waters, a brother to Col. Philemon Waters, and it took me years to uncover what facts I have. All those Waters around Cross Anchor descended from Boardwine. He was my old granpappy through his daughter, Sarah, who married Beeks Musgrove, son of Edward Musgrove, founder of Musgrove's Mill in 1767.

"I've just discovered something that should interest you. There was a Robert Faris whose Union County estate (Box 1, pkg. 4) was administered by Hugh Means, starting in 1785, and the widow was Dorcas Faris. I highly suspect she was a sister to Hugh Means, not only because he administered the estate, but because the name "Dorcas" was a favorite of the Means clan in later generations. One of the accounts paid was to William Patton for schooling a minor child. The date was March 26, 1786. In 1788, Docas Faris received a small sum from James Patton. Edward Denny also had accounts. I know who he was, but can't pull the memory out just now. One account November 25, 1785 was "on account produced by William Thompson in behalf of the Congregation." I'm sure this was Fairforect P.C., and they weren't going to allow a minor incident like death as an excuse not to pay his pew rent. (It was eight shillings.) In Feaster's History of Union County, he stated that James and Robert Faris were among those that founded Fairforest P.C. in 1765. There are two things of interest here to me. First, I assume William Patton was the son of Capt. Matthew Patton, probably not actually a schoolmaster, but just tutoring the minor child. Second, I suspect Robert Faris was of that same named York County family? I'm beginning to think there were a lot more families than we

realize that went from the York area to Fairforest, maybe even earlier than we know.

"Dorcas Faris died in 1816. Her will named son James Faris, sons in law Henry Foster, James Martin, Joseph Kelso, Edward Mayes, William Jackson, Samuel Kelso, Jr.; daughters Sarah Foster, Margaret Martin, Isabella Kelso, Rachel Mayes, Dorcas Jackson, and Elizabeth Kelso. It was witnessed by H. Means, Jesse Carson, and James K. Means. There were two, maybe even three, different Foster families in Union County. One, who probably came from York County, I call the "Fairforest Fosters." The other was seated near Cross Keys, and came directly down from Virginia, married into the Bobos. There was another group on the Pacolet River (now in Cherokee County), who may have been kin to the Fairforest Fosters, but I don't think so, as the Pacolet River bunch were seemingly a little rough around the edges, if you know what I mean.

"I find it very interesting that Hugh Means' 1825 will was witnessed by Edward Mayes, Jesse Carson, and James K. Means. James Means' (but signed as Joseph Means) 1815 will was witnessed by Thomas Howard, Jesse Carson, Joseph Mayes. Thomas Howard's 1835 will was witnessed by Edward Mayes, Jesse Carson, Benjamin W. Arrowood. I wonder who that Jesse Carson was? He had to be somehow connected.

"Was Hugh Means "of the Revolution," who married Prudence Patton, the same General Hugh Means that commanded the 1st S.C. Regiment during the War of 1812? I need to find a reliable genealogy of this Means family. Any suggestions? I have what Linda C. calls my "GF" (gut feeling), and I have a GF about the Means family having close ties to York County in some manner, other than through just Prudence Patton.

"Linda C. has placed an order with the Spartanburg Library to borrow the microfilm of the Fairforest P.C. minutes from Montreat. We're going to take a close look at some of those early members."

End of Billy White letter.

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I suppose you know that James Means secondly married Isabella Simpson? I have no idea who she was, but of about the right age she could have been a sister to Samuel Simpson whose second wife was Nancy (Bobo) Holland. Although I've never found the connection, I suspect that Samuel Simpson was related to Sarah (Simpson) Bobo, mother of Nancy. I won't bog you down in the older Simpson genealogy, but do have records carrying Sarah (Simpson) Bobo's line back a few generations in VA. James Means had a daughter, Dorcas, probably by Isabella, who married Jesse Gordon in Union County as his second wife and they went to Greene County, AL. He was previously married to Elizabeth Brock, who

had a sister, Mary, married to Edward Stevens (1785-1832) in Union County. Edward, in 1830, bought the 1000 acre plantation of Spencer Bobo near Cross Keys, who went to Miss. Listen, Union County genealogy is mind bending, as just about everyone was connected in one way or another. Elizabeth and Mary Brock had a brother, George, who died in 1830, and I've just discovered his eight children named in his will were all illegitimate, and it appears their mother was a step-granddaughter of Col. William Farr. Wouldn't that information please all the descendants???

Speaking of the name "Isabella," let me warn you of something. There was a name oft used in Union County, especially in the Sims and Shelton families, and all branches of, and others, variously spelled as "Sebellow, Sabellow, Sibello, etc.," which some very informed past writers have claimed to be a Virginia surname. I devoted much time attempting to find such in VA, but couldn't. Only last week, I found the solution, which I can now prove. It was not a surname, but a corruption of "Isabella!"

Let me mention one thing more. As you well know, Dr. J.B.O. Landrum in his book, History of Spartanburg County, stated that Matthew Patton's third wife mistreated him in old age due to her Tory blood. I can't comment on the mistreatment part, but surely can on the Tory blood. To my knowledge, no Bobo was ever a Tory. Quite the contrary, they were ardent Patriots in SC. Even though I'm not a Bobo descendant, I can't state that strongly enough, based on actual records.

I have another letter written to Billy which I haven't yet printed out and mailed, but am going to include excerpts from it, which I know will interest you.

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"In response to your letter of about five years past, in which you asked me to be alert for any White information, I've discovered something that should be of interest to you.

"First, open up CP III to page 89. Under CP8, Benjamin Culp, his wife was Cynthia McCollum. Fill in the blank. Write, also, that she was a daughter of Aaron McCollum and Sarah Ann White. Then, turn the page and find CP26, Catherine Culp, who married Abner McCollum. Note there that he was a son of Aaron and Sarah Ann (White) McCollum.

"Sarah Ann White was the daughter of William and Nancy White of Union County, S.C. William White was the son of Isaac and Mary White of Union County. The surnames of Nancy and Mary are unknown. According to tradition, Isaac and Mary White came to Union County from Philadelphia around 1790, but I can place them near Lockhart's Shoals in the Fairforest section of Union County long before that. They may have originated in

Philadelphia, but I strongly suspect Isaac was one of the York County Whites that went to the Fairforest area, or at least very closely related to them. Why? Because where there's smoke, there's fire, and the facts I've found certainly indicate a blazing fire.

"Isaac and Mary White had: Sarah (1756-<1837), who married Samuel Smith (1754-1835), marked in the Bogansville Methodist Cemetery (this was the line of Rev. C.C. Vaughn; also the line of Susan Vaughn Smith who recently murdered her two infant boys, and both of them were buried in the Bogansville Methodist Cemetery); Elizabeth Jane, who married William Dawkins Lane; Hannah White (1770-1860>), who married Nathaniel Palmer and went to Columbia County, Ga.; Isaac, Jr., who married a Julia; Thomas (d. <1804), who married a Fanny and had children Meador White and Jean White (Fanny remarried to David Hyatt, brother to Elijah Hyatt of Chester County.); Isabell, who married Newsom Cooper; William (d. 1819), who married a Nancy; and John (d. 1805), who married a Mary.

"William and Nancy White had: Coleman; William Wylie (1801,1862), who married a Sophia; Mary (1797-1881), who married Zephaniah Holmes; Sarah Ann, who married Aaron McCollum; Nancy, who married Alan Warnock; Issac; Susan; and Hannah.

"Aaron McCollum was born ca. 1776 in Union County, NC, and came to Union County, SC, where he married Sarah Ann. About 1839, they went to Carroll Co., TN., where he died testate in 1855. He made his will in 1850, which I think you'll find interesting.

"Carroll County Will Book A, pp 297-303.

Wife Sarah McCollum.
Dau. Cintha the wife of Benj. Culp.
Dau. Mallisa the widow of Samuel Stribling.
Son Jesse McCollum.
Son William McCollum.
Son Abner McCollum.
Son James McCollum.
Dau. Frances the wife of Silas Clark.
Son Allen McCollum.
Dau. Sarah the wife of Willis Thralkeld.
Dau. Nancy the wife of George Seymore.
Son John Kenady (McCollum).
Exrs.: James Long, Rev. R.C. Weddington, Abner McCollum, John Kenady McCollum.
Wit.: Wm. Seymore, Joseph Roach.

"Thralkeld and Seymore, the only two not from Union County, married their wives in Tenn. He was George W. Seymore, born in VA 1829.

"Son William McCollum above married Mary Ann Hyatt. Isaac and Mary White had a son, Thomas White, that married a Fanny. After

Thomas died about 1804, Fanny married David Hyatt, who was a brother to Elijah Hyatt in Chester County. Elijah married Hannah Culp, full sister to Benjamin Culp. Interesting, huh? I'd bet that Mary Ann Hyatt fits in here somewhere! My source states on the 1850 census she was aged 52, and a daughter of Elizabeth Hyatt of S.C.

"So, how did Benjamin Culp and Cynthia McCollum meet when they were raised well over fifty miles apart? I'm betting it was through the White family, the only common link of which I can think. That suggests Isaac White was of the Old Edward White family in some manner. Take careful note of that William Wylie White name!"

End of Billy White letter.

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I can answer your question about John Colbert without violating any trust, since that subject was part of my research. Actually, I know nothing of him, except that I suspect his name was Calvert, not Colbert. Nancy Bobo married him by 1797, shortly after her Simpson husband died. He must have died before 1802 when Nancy was again using the Simpson name on those deeds. Samuel Simpson died intestate in Union County on his plantation called "Cross Keys." His estate was administered by Nancy, but the county court records show her having been removed due to remarriage, and record her as Nancy Colbert, wife of John Colbert. She was reinstated. Her brother bought the Cross Keys plantation and, in 1812, built a beautiful home on it, still standing, and is rather famous in that area. On one gable is the cross key insignia, and on the other the date of 1812. Just across the road is a Bobo family cemetery, now unattended and gone to ruin. Although no Simpson names appear on the stones, I'm confident it originated with the Samuel Simpson family and he and his first wife are buried there, unmarked. Just across another road from the Cross Keys home was the plantation of one of my Stevens connections, the line of Linda (Stevens) Crissinger. Cross Keys was located at a main crossroads, and Samuel Simpson built a store there, which was also a stagecoach stop, the old 12 mile (from Unionville) stone mileage marker still on the lawn. Tradition has it that he was from Laurens County, but I've never been able to place him. There were a least two Simpson families in Laurens County then, but I've found no record to connect him. One of them later became very prominent in state politics, producing one governor and a few other positions.

I'm sure my Bobo associate will soon contact you, when her time allows. She stays very busy. I think the two of you will have a lot in common to discuss. I'll just sit on the side and eavesdrop!

As for any other family of that area, Patton, Means, Mayes,

and literally hundreds more, I can deal with you with no restrictions. I would be most delighted to open my files and knowledge to you for our mutual benefit. I'm sure we can both learn from each other. Let's see what your fellow Texas lady says re Bobo/Patton and go from there?

Sincerely,

Robert J. Stevens

Melanie,
This lady is a Patton researcher, and has stated she goes to Texas to search; also that she's going to Christmasville to find Capt. Patton's stone. Pilgrim's Rest was a Presbyterian church, not Baptist.

3748 - 3343
Chris Greenman